

Dale's School Board Meeting Recap

December 17, 2018 School Board Meeting

Our Mission Together

**Empowering students with
knowledge and skills to succeed.**

Our Vision

**To be the school district of choice, inspiring
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.**

NOTE: This review is authored by the Superintendent, intended as information for the District employees, to keep them informed of the important decisions made by the School Board. This review includes selected items as determined by the Superintendent, and does not include all items of business conducted by the Board. This review is not intended to replace the official minutes of the School Board. Additional information can always be obtained from the official Board minutes or by contacting Dale.

Student Achievement and Student Support

Teaching and Learning Feature: Readers Theatre presented by Deb Bently and students Liz Karl, Spencer Tufte, Mia Williams, Hope Van Wilgen. Thank you!

Finance

Donations -- We are fortunate to have community members, organizations, and businesses who make donations to the school district. Often the donations are designated toward specific programs or activities. The Board approved the following donations.

Jillian Possin	12 new books to Elementary Library	
Elementary Office	Microwave for student use	
Finleys Wings at Work	Coat Drive	\$500
Brad & Sara Howe	Coat Drive	\$10
Brian & Jodell Wayne	Coat Drive	\$300
Mark & Sharon Sorenson	Coat Drive	\$100
Court Sports	Letter Club	\$528
Matawan Grain & Feed	FFA	\$451.25
George's of Geneva	Comm Ed Competitive Cheer Mats	\$25
Josh Sands	Comm Ed Competitive Cheer Mats	\$25
Anonymous	Comm Ed Competitive Cheer Mats	\$45
Anonymous	Comm Ed Competitive Cheer Mats	\$85
Nielsen's Cenex	Comm Ed Competitive Cheer Mats	\$25
Modern Metal Products Owattona	Comm Ed Competitive Cheer Mats	\$100
NRHEG PTO	Eagle Bluff	\$1,380
Wisconsin Power/Bent Tree Wind	Eagle Bluff	\$100
Ellingson Drainage	Eagle Bluff	\$50
MN Community Foundation	Comm Ed Youth Development Grant	\$1,000
	Total	\$4,724.25
	Total to Date	\$23,984.85

2018 Payable 2019 Levy Certification: The Board approved the recommended levy as it was presented at the 6:00 pm Truth in Taxation meeting. The approved resolution is:

Whereas, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes the School Board of NRHEG School District, New Richland, Minnesota, is authorized to make the following proposed tax levies for general purposes:

<i>Maintenance (General Fund)</i>	<i>\$ 935,908.88</i>
<i>* Includes Referendum</i>	
<i>Community Service</i>	<i>\$ 76,989.85</i>
<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>\$ 248,304.24</i>
<i>Total Proposed School Tax Levy</i>	<i>\$ 1,261,202.97</i>

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the School Board of NRHEG School District, New Richland, Minnesota, that the levy to be levied in 2018 to be collected in 2019 is set at \$1,261,202.97. The clerk of the NRHEG School Board is authorized to certify the proposed levy to the County Auditor of Waseca County, Minnesota.

Please note the recommended levy of \$1,261,202.97 represents an 0.53% increase over the prior year.

House Renter Lease Agreement: The Board approved the lease agreement signed by the current renter at 335 Ash Avenue South. The agreement is for the period of January 2, 2019, (date of property closing) through June 30, 2019.

Workforce

Winter Coaching Contracts: The Board approved the following contracts.

- Jr High Wrestling Coach – Jamie Harshman

Resignation – The Board approved the following 2018-2019 employment assignments.

- Bruce Neilsen – 7th Grade GBB Coach

Facilities

Facility Referendum Bond Resolution: The Board approved a resolution calling for a special election related to the issuance of school building bonds. The complete resolution can be found on the District's website. The language included in the resolution and ballot question in describing the project is intended to identify the priorities as determined by the Board beginning with the Elementary School secure entrance; infrastructure improvements and other deferred maintenance projects at both schools; ADA compliance renovations; and then the "completion of construction, renovation, expansion, or maintenance of classrooms, labs, restrooms, and other instructional spaces at school sites and facilities." This last part is intended to describe the Board's commitment to first address the Career Technical Education related classrooms and Science classrooms. However, it is also intended to give the school district flexibility to address additional project needs within the bond amount of \$9.1 million that have been identified by the Board as well as the Task Force and staff, and included on the community survey.

Our consultants from ISG as well as our financial advisors from Northland Securities were in attendance at the meeting and presented a review of the *Review and Comment* document (see below) as well as information pertaining to the bond issuance process and related costs.

MDE Review and Comment Document: The Board approved the Review and Comment (R&C) document. Voter approved elections require a Review and Comment (R&C) document be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) if project costs per site exceed \$2 million. Components of the R&C document include:

- A cover letter on district letterhead signed by the superintendent. The letter is to include: project description, project costs and financing plan, school board statement of approval, wording of question, and date of election.
- Geographic area and population to be served
- Student enrollment projections for the next 5 years
- List of existing school facilities by year constructed, their uses, and an assessment of the extent to which alternate facilities are available within school district boundaries and in adjacent school districts
- List of specific deficiencies of the facilities
- Description of the project
- Financing source(s)

The MDE Commissioner has 60 days to rule on whether to give the school facility project a positive, negative, or unfavorable review and comment. After approval, final plans and the approval shall be filed with the commissioner of Education. If substantial changes are made to the approved plans, documents reflecting the changes shall be submitted to the commissioner for approval.

Board Governance

Board member recognition: Board members JoAnn Maloney and Mark Tollefson were recognized for their four years of service on the School Board. Their terms expire December 31, 2018.

2019-2020 School Year Calendar DRAFT: The Board was presented with a draft of the 2019-2020 school year calendar and will consider approve of the calendar at the January 22, 2019, School Board meeting.