

District Status Report

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The purpose for the weekly Status Report is to communicate to members of the School Board important and meaningful information relevant to the business of the school district. The Report is available to the public on the school district's website. Please contact me at 417-2602 if you have any questions regarding information contained in the Status Report. I would also appreciate hearing from you on ways I can improve the Report and make it more meaningful and informative for you.

Dale

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

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

Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Politics: [Gov. Dayton pitches priorities for possible special session](#)

Program: [Price hike for high schools offering college courses draws criticism](#)

Column: [On early education, let the best idea win](#)

Research: [Study suggests high school GPA is a better predictor of college readiness than standardized tests](#)

Editorial: [Education reform is not so simple](#)

2. **Board Committees to Meet:** The Building and Grounds Committee (Mike Moen, Travis Routh, Rick Schultz) will meet on Monday, June 13, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room. The committee will address a number of items including our lease with the City of NR for the athletic fields, our Long Term Maintenance Plan, parking lot maintenance projects for this summer, a flooring update on the commons at the Secondary School, bidding services i.e. snow removal, and other items.

The Policy Committee (JoAnn Maloney, Michele Moxon, Rick Schultz) is set to meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 14, in the Board Room. I apologize for the last minute change from the original meeting date of June 7. The committee will be reviewing a number of revised policies from MSBA to recommend to the Board for approval.

3. **Knox Boxes for Secondary School:** We have partnered with Waseca County and the City of New Richland to install two Knox Boxes (secured boxes to hold keys to the building) on the outside of the Secondary School for use by law enforcement in the event access to the building is needed and school personnel are not able or available to assist. The boxes should be installed in the coming weeks.
4. **Board Member Quarterly Check-ins with Dale --** Sue Kulseth will be contacting you to set a time to meet with me during the week of July 4. Let Sue know if the dates and times identified do not work for you and we will find a time that does. Please plan for 30-60 minutes. Possible dates and times include:
- Tuesday, July 5, between 1:00 and 7:00 pm
 - Wednesday, July 6, between 8:00 and 11:00 am and between 1:00 and 7:00 pm
 - Thursday, July 7, between 8:00 and 11:00 am and between 1:00 and 7:00 pm
5. **Technology Additions:** We added a new monitor to the Board Room for multiple uses including presentations, webinars, meeting, etc. In addition, we have added a large presentation monitor in the Secondary Media Center. It is similar in size as the interactive monitor in the Elementary Media Center, but it does not offer the interactive capabilities. We also have added monitors to the conference room in the Elementary School as well as a monitor in my office for small group meetings. Thank you to Angie Aaseth for making the purchase and installation arrangements.
6. **Secondary School Garden Update:** Plans continue to transition the gardens to the southeast corner of the Secondary School property. The Building and Grounds Committee will discuss more of the details, but we are seeking quotes for fencing that will enclose the southeast corner. Some existing fencing will be removed. Please contact me for specific questions.
7. **Bond Issue Refunding Update:** It appears we may be moving forward and signing off on refunding as early as next Wednesday. I have been in contact with Northland Securities and we are tentatively planning to communicate and possibly sign on Wednesday.

8. **Summer Office Hours:** Office hours are from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm from Monday – Thursday, and from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm on Friday. The office is closed Friday afternoon.

School Board Calendar of Events

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| June 13, 2016 | 6:30 pm | Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – Board Room |
| June 14, 2016 | 6:30 pm | Policy Committee Meeting – Board Room |
| June 20, 2016 | 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center |
| July 18, 2016 | 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center |

Dale's Calendar for June 13 – June 17 (As of 6-9-16)

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| Monday | | Out of the District during day |
| | 6:30 pm | Building and Grounds Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Check in with Sue |
| | 9:00 am | Meeting with City of New Richland |
| | 1:00 pm | Budget meeting with Karla |
| | 6:30 pm | Policy Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Sue |
| | 4:00 pm | Conference with Northland Securities regarding refunding |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Meeting with Doug |
| | 10:00 am | WBWF Planning with Doug, Dave, and Terri |
| | 12:00 pm | Lunch Meeting |
| Friday | | Out of the Office in AM |
| | | Office closed in PM |

Thank you for all you do!