

Date: May 3, 2018  
To: School Board  
From: Dr. Malone  
RE: Meeting Notes, May 7, 2018

## 2A. Superintendent's Report

- i. The second annual Big Dog Challenge Celebration is May 30th and school board members are welcome to join us. The event begins on at 3:15 p.m. at *The Grill at Pebble Creek*. The presentations will start at 3:30 p.m. It will be exciting to hear our innovation teams tell their success stories.
- ii. Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> is National Teacher Day. I would like to say “thank you” to the teachers of the Becker School District. This is a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make in the lives of children. It is a time to say “thank you” to the special teachers that you know. Let them know that they are appreciated for all that they do.
- iii. I am pleased that the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, Becker Police Department, and The Becker School District are collaborating to provide more safety and security for our students and staff. Sherburne County has provided a School Resource Officer (SRO) to the school district for the past 19 years and will continue to do so. The Becker Police Department has always provided valuable security support to the school district. Now, there is an understanding that The Becker Police Department will also have a presence in the school buildings to increase law enforcement visibility and security. The school district is indebted to Sherburne County Sheriff's Department and The Becker Police Department for collaborating to safeguard our students and secure our buildings.
- iv. Modifications to the Middle School and High School driveways onto Bradley Street are planned for this summer. The safety committee has been studying this issue for two years and developed the plan in coordination with the City. The modifications create separate bus and car lanes. Traffic flow for parents dropping off/picking up students will be improved and safety will be increased for students who walk to/from school. The changes also will improve traffic flow for busses and increase the

visibility for bus drivers. The project cost of \$73,500 is part of our FY 19 LTFM budget. A diagram is below.



- v. Graduation is June 1st. School board members who would like to participate should meet at 7:00 p.m. in the hallway behind the gym in room 419. We will have corsages for board members and spouses. We will have chairs reserved in the front row for board members and spouses. Graduation begins at 7:30 p.m.

Board members who would like to hand out roses to the graduates as they exit the stage are welcome to do so. If you prefer to watch from your chair, that is fine too. Aaron and I will be on stage.

- vi. The School District will present Blake Paulson with a Certificate of Recognition for his excellent service as the Student School Board Representative during the 2017-18 School Year.

### 3. Consent Agenda

**D. I recommend approving the personnel items as presented.**

E. Policy 706 Acceptance Of Gifts permits the school board to accept donations or gifts under the terms of the policy. **I recommend accepting the gifts as described on the enclosure.**

F. **I recommend approving the 2019-20 calendar** (attached). The calendar committee met on April 11th and developed the 2019-20 calendar. The committee this year included 4 teachers and 2 non-certified staff, 2 high school students, 4 parents, 4 principals, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, a school board member, and the superintendent.

- i. The 2019-20 calendar is similar to previous calendars with a winter vacation. An abbreviated spring break for students is April 10-13.
- ii. Classes for students begin on September 3, 2019 and conclude May 29, 2020.
- iii. The calendar includes 173 student contact days and 9 teacher staff development days to comply with the BEA contract. (Of the 9 staff development days 3 must be designated for parent teacher conferences, open house days, or parent orientation days; three ½ days (1.5) must be designated as grading days at the end of the first and second trimesters).
- iv. The calendar includes 4 early dismissal days for staff professional development.
- v. The 2020 graduation will be Friday, May 22.

I appreciate the good work of the calendar committee to develop a calendar, which meets the needs of various stakeholders throughout the school district.

**G. I recommend approving the 2018-21 School Age Child Care Coordinator Contract.** The contract is endorsed by the School Board Individual Contracts Committee.

- 4. The Activities Committee, Dave Niemi (Activities Director), and I are recommending that Becker join the Mississippi 8 Conference beginning with the 2019-20 school year.** Dave Niemi will be at the meeting to provide an overview of the rational (attached.)
5. The City of Becker and Becker Public Schools Park And Outdoor Athletic Facility study is underway. Leadership from the two organizations has met three times. Our most recent meeting was April 13th with HKGi to discuss the scope of the study. The purpose of the study is to create a comprehensive park and school district outdoor athletic facilities system plan for the city of Becker and the School District that recognizes and strengthens the synergies of both School and City facilities and the relationship between the two entities, analyzes the existing system strengths and weaknesses, compares the facilities and level of service to industry standards, identifies and accounts for future system needs/demand, proposes system additions/upgrades/modifications, and identifies a clear path toward implementation of proposed facilities over time.

**I recommend that the chair appoint a school board representative to serve on the Becker Park and Outdoor Athletic Facility Steering Committee.**

6. The next steps in the strategic planning process are for the school board to agree on the assignment of the top stakeholder ideas to exit outcomes and discuss the recently completed stakeholder input process. The school board ranked the top ideas from parents, students, staff members, and community members using pairwise last month.
  - A. The current year and historical participation summary of the stakeholder input process is attached.
  - B. District stakeholders completed Pairwise on March 9th. All the input received is included. The rank order as determined by each stakeholder group is noted (attached.)
  - C. School board members completed Pairwise of the top stakeholder ideas April 9th (attached.)
  - D. During this agenda item, I will display the district exit outcomes (attached) and **I recommend that the input ranked highest by the school board be assigned to exit outcomes.**
  
7. **I recommend closing the meeting under the authority of MS 13D.03 to discuss security matters.**

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.