

TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
DATE: Feb. 9, 2018
RE: Feb. 7 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Erin Azer, Kim Chapman, Mary Kay Delvo, Marilynn Forsberg, Amy Kelly, Nancy Livingston, Laura Oksnevad, Jill Olson, Laura Palmer, Mike Ptacek, Marre Jo Sager, Judy Schwartz, Katie Schwartz, and Kathy Timm.

- **Career and Technical Education Month:** Erick Lehet, assistant principal of the 916 Career & Technical Center, was joined by two students to speak to the board about Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. According to the proclamation signed by Governor Mark Dayton in honor of the month, CTE is “the backbone of Minnesota’s strong, well-educated workforce, which powers economic growth and opportunity in our state.”
- **Legislative platform:** Valerie Dosland, lobbyist, and Superintendent Hayes shared the 2018 legislative platform developed by the four intermediate school districts in Minnesota, which advocates for \$9.4 million in increased funding to address student mental health needs, as well as an expansion of the intermediate lease levy authority that will ultimately help fund innovative facilities projects. Northeast Metro 916 does not have any plans for new levies, however this was included in the platform at the request of other intermediates.
- **Quora construction update:** Jamin Wood, buildings and grounds supervisor, shared an update on the construction of Quora Education Center. Construction is progressing within the anticipated timeline, with school programs and staff in satellite offices moving into the space in May and June 2018. The school district’s fund balance may be used to cover additional costs due to weather, as well as additional technology purchases.
- **Technology update:** Elam Noor, director of technology, shared an update with the school board on Northeast Metro 916’s efforts to improve technology operations and service in the school district. He outlined the district’s focus on customer service, classroom technology, security, Laserfiche document imaging services, and collaborative technology purchasing efforts.
- **New care and treatment center:** Superintendent Hayes gave the school board an overview of a new care and treatment center that is scheduled to open in Forest Lake. Northeast Metro 916 was approached by the Forest Lake school district to provide educational services to the students in the care of this facility. The facility’s operator,

Woodland Hills, has successfully operated similar facilities in out-state Minnesota for many years.

- **Restrictive procedures working group:** Superintendent Hayes and Dan Naidicz, director of special education, informed the school board of discussions they have had with the Minnesota Department of Education about their efforts to reduce the use of restrictive procedures statewide. Northeast Metro 916 agrees with the working group that restrictive procedures should be reduced as much as possible, but we believe that we need to balance the need for students to learn in the least restrictive setting with the need of our staff to keep themselves and their students safe.
- **Extended School Year (ESY) calendar:** The school board voted to approve the calendar for 2018 ESY, which starts July 9 for most programs. The Community Integrated Education (CIE) program, Apartment/Enclave program, and Summer Transition Program (STP) begin in June.
- **916 Mahtomedi lease:** The school board voted to approve a lease renewal for 916 Mahtomedi Academy, located at 2735 County Road D, through June 30, 2020.
- **Retirements:** The school board recognized staff members with more than 10 years of service to 916 who have retired recently or plan to at the end of this school year. Congratulations to Rick Johnson, education assistant (15 years); David Johnson, teacher (25 years); Lynn Jutz, COTA (30 years); Roberta Kienitz, teacher (19 years); David Lang, teacher (33 years); Barb Mosher-Glansman, work experience coordinator (34 years); Sally Poesch, teacher (33 years); and Jill Stewart, licensed school nurse (33 years). They also formally congratulated three retiring superintendents from member districts: Dr. Peggy Flathmann (Fridley), Dr. Mark Larson (Mahtomedi) and Robert Laney (St. Anthony - New Brighton).