



TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Val Rae Boe

DATE: June 10, 2025

RE: June 4 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Knisely-12, Palmer-13, Jones-14, Forsberg-16, Bock-621, Clark-623, Daniels-624, Rebelein-831, Stout-832, Dols-833 and Thelander-834.

Members absent: Oksnevad-282 and Nitardy-622.

Calendar Dates:

- Monday, June 9, 2025 - 916 Foundation Golf Tournament at Oak Marsh at 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 6, 2025 - School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Presentation: Literacy and Math Update

The School Board was presented with a literacy and math update for the 2024/25 School Year. An overview of FastBridge was given. This marks the first year of district-wide implementation of a Universal Screener for both reading and math across K-12. Overall, 71% of students demonstrated growth from Fall to Spring which will serve as a baseline moving forward. Updates from both the Literacy and Math Committees were presented, as well as looking at next steps. Lastly, District-Wide Professional Development updates were given, highlighting a 100% passing rate for 154 staff who completed OL&LA Literacy Training and the completion of the Paraprofessional Literacy Training Pilot for 18 EAS's across the district.

Presentation: Staff Recognitions

- Dan Naidicz, assistant superintendent, is retiring on June 13 after 15 years of service to Northeast Metro 916. Dan was celebrated for his steady presence, collaborative leadership, and his lasting impact on the district with a video from staff. He was recognized by family and friends for his unwavering support of special education at both Stillwater and 916, as well as at the local and state levels. Superintendent Boe thanked him for being an innovative leader and for his years of creativity, wisdom, humor, integrity, and unwavering belief in 916 which has created his legacy at this district.
- Megan McAllister, director of human resources, is celebrating her last day at Northeast Metro 916 on June 11 after 16 years of service. Superintendent Boe recognized Megan for the clarity, consistency, and accountability that she has brought to 916 processes and procedures and her strong, systems-focused approach which has strengthened

support for employees across the district. She thanked Megan for her exceptional leadership and the impact she has had on District 916.

School Board Policies:

- Approval of School Board Policies: 304, 408, 531, and 721.

Approval of Contracts:

- **Food Service Agreements:** Approved the food service agreements for the 2025-26 school year with Centennial (Karner Blue), White Bear Lake (Bellaire, Mahtomedi Academy, and South Campus), Roseville (Quora Education Center), Stillwater (Pankalo) and Columbia Heights (Metro Heights).
- **Math Curriculum:** Approved the purchase of math curriculum from the Math Learning Center in the amount of \$52,725.60
- **Avanti Center:** Approved a one-year agreement with the Avanti Center to provide educational services for children and adolescent residents with emotional and/or behavioral disorders who are admitted to the Avanti Center.
- **ISD 14:** Approved the agreement between ISD 14 and 916 to have Metro Heights Academy serve as the Alternative Learning Center and provide credit recovery starting August 1, 2025.
- **Canvas Health:** Approved a one-year agreement with Canvas Health to facilitate the delivery of mental health and related services to students in 916 programs through TAP therapists.
- **Bamboo Professionals:** Approved a one-year contract with Bamboo Professionals to provide prevention, intervention, postvention, and resiliency services to staff at 916.
- **CDW Quote:** Approved the CDW quote totaling \$233,726.54 to replace all of the orders for staff windows laptops, and student Chromebooks, as well as some ancillary accessories and devices, for all 916 programs.
- **Apple Quote:** Approved the Apple quote totaling \$115,008.00 to replace all of the orders for staff and student Apple devices, as well as some ancillary accessories and devices, for all 916 programs.
- **Arrow Contracting:** Approved the Tenant Improvement Cost Confirmation agreement for \$277,844.21. This covers overages related to general construction, low-voltage electrical work, and flooring enhancements at the new Metro Heights Academy ALC space.

FY26 Budget: The School Board approved the 2025-26 budget of \$90,819,000.

FY25 Intermediate District Tuition, Membership, and Access Fees: The School Board voted to approve increases in access fees, membership fees, and tuition rates for the FY26 school year.