

Date: December 3, 2015

To: School Board

From: Dr. Malone

RE: Meeting Notes, December 7, 2015

2A. Superintendent's Report

- i. School Board members are registered for the MSBA Conference Thursday, January 14th and Friday, January 15th. The theme this year is "unleashing the heroes in your midst." This is an excellent professional development opportunity and I am glad that the Becker School Board will be well represented.
- ii. The administration is planning to increase specialists' time (art, media, music, keyboarding, and phy. ed.) for grades K-8. Also, more classes will be added to the high school. The specialists' time for students will be similar to the schedule that was in place during the 2014-15 school year. Reinstating these programs is possible because of the funding provided by the passage of Question 2 in the recent referendum election.
- iii. Stakeholder Input Planning: The number of stakeholders invited and those who have attended is shown below:

Year	Stakeholder Group	Invited	Attended	%
2015	Parents	250	12	5%
2014	Parents	200	14	7%
2013	Parents	90	8	9%
2012	Parents	60	6	10%
2011	Parents	60	11	10%
2015	District Residents	400	17	4%
2014	District Residents	300	11	4%
2013	District Residents	125	4	3%
2012	District Residents	100	6	6%
2011	District Residents	80	5	6%
2015	Staff Members*	36	7	19%
2014	Staff Members	29	6	21%
2013	Staff Members	25	9	36%
2012	Staff Members	20	16	80%
2011	Staff Members	20	18	90%

2015	Students	28	10	36%
2014	Students	24	8	33%
2013	Students	20	15	75%
2012	Students	20	15	75%
2011	Students	20	18	90%

*Teachers - 16
 Local #284 – 16
 Principal - 1
 Transportation – 1
 Food Service – 1
 District Office - 1

We could increase the number of invitations for 2016 in hopes of increasing the number of attendees. However, as I discussed at the November 9th meeting, I think we can garner more participation and collect more meaningful data by using a digital process.

I am developing a crowdsourcing recommendation that will 1) gather ideas from stakeholders around the school board’s strategic questions, 2) enable stakeholders to prioritize ideas, 3) allow the school board to select or prioritize from the top ideas to establish strategic goals.

I have investigated Spigit (www.spigit.com) and Thought Exchange (thoughtexchange.com) to include viewing presentations and demos, discussing how the products would interface with the substance of our strategic planning process, and preliminary pricing.

Last week I began conversations with Joel Morris, Director of Ignite! Innovation. His company can provide outsourcing expertise to select and manage crowd sourced innovation. He will help us select crowdsourcing software, support the program, and provide advise for our strategic planning process, which can later be used as an innovation platform.

I will bring a recommendation to the January or February school board meeting. The stakeholder input process will take about 3 weeks using a crowdsourcing platform. The data from stakeholders should be available at or before the April school board meeting, which would be a month earlier than we have had the stakeholder input data in the past.

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. MS 120B.11 requires the school board to adopt the prior year World’s Best Workforce Report Summary. **I recommend adopting the 2014-15 World’s Best Workforce Report Summary.**

4. KDV, the school district auditors, will present the 2015 financial audit. The audited general fund summary is shown below.

	7/1/14	2014-15			6/30/15
	Beginning Fund Balance	Revenues and Other Funding Sources	Expenditures	Net change Fund Bal.	Ending Fund Balance
General Fund	\$845,285	\$27,291,439	-\$27,574,763	\$-283,324	\$561,961

Joe Prom and I recommend approving the FY 15 financial audit as presented. The June 30, 2015 unassigned fund balance is 1.7% of expenditures. This represents a \$96,959 decrease from last year. District Policy 714 Fund Balances states that the school district will strive to maintain a minimum unassigned general fund balance of 8%. (KDV PowerPoint attached.)

5. Truth and taxation information will be presented by Joe Prom, Director Of Business Services. **I recommend approving the payable 2015 levy in the amount of \$9,712,083.**

6. MS 123B.09 requires that, before appointing a school board member to fill a vacancy, the school board must hold a public hearing inviting public testimony from persons residing in the district relating to the qualifications of the prospective appointees to fill the vacancy. Applications were received from Ross Demant and Connie Robinson (attached.) **I recommend inviting public testimony from persons residing in the district relating to the qualifications of the prospective appointees to fill the vacancy.**

The statute also requires that, before making an appointment, the board must notify county commissioners, town supervisors, and city council members, and enter into the record at the board meeting in which the appointment is made, the names and addresses of the public officials notified: County Commissioner: John.Riebel@co.sherburne.mn.us, Mayor Jerome Kleis: jkleis@ci.becker.mn.us, Rick Henderson: rhenderson@ci.becker.mn.us, Adam Oliver: aoliver@ci.becker.mn.us, Lori Keller: lkeller@ci.becker.mn.us, Tracy Bertram:

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7. At the November meeting, the school board decided to accept applications for the vacant school board position until November 30th at 4:00 p.m. Applications were submitted by Ross Demant and Connie Robinson. The term will expire on the first Monday in January 2017. **The attached resolution should be used to appoint a school board member.**
8. The board should complete strategic goals for 2016-17. A draft of potential goals from the board's discussion last month is attached along with other relevant information. The goals can be adopted as a revision to Policy 223 Strategic Goals next month.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.