



DATE: August 2, 2019
TO: School Board
FROM: Jeremy Schmidt
RE: August 5, 2019 Meeting Notes

- We are preparing for the upcoming school year and excited to welcome students on September 3rd. New teachers and those new to the school district will begin our teacher induction and mentorship program on August 19th. Teachers will report on August 26th and all staff members on August 29th (.5 day). The fall staff development schedule will focus on ensuring the use of effective instructional practices in all classrooms. This will include the instructional framework, safety trainings, course templates, MTSS (Multi-Tiered System and Supports), the teacher evaluation process, data review, and student growth. We will also focus on supporting PLCs to ensure they effectively support student learning.
- The schedule is nearly finalized and will be distributed to staff and school board members by August 15th.
- The September school board meeting is scheduled for September 9th (September 2nd is Labor Day). This was approved by the school board at the organizational meeting in January.
- Becker Public Schools participated in a Radiological Evacuation Plan (REP) Drill on July 23rd. We will have an Exercise on August 13th. Both are conducted by Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Becker does this every 8 or 9 years because of our proximity to the Xcel Nuclear Power Plant in Monticello.
- Becker Public Schools is working with Sherburne County Public Health, Sherburne County Attorney's Office, and Sherburne County School Superintendents to support the adoption of a policy that increases the sale age of tobacco products from 18-21. The list of counties is continually changing throughout the state to create and enforce this new policy.

3. Consent Agenda

D. **I recommend approving the personnel items as presented** (enclosed).

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. MDE requires annual school board action designating a district official to authorize user access to secure MDE websites. These are websites routinely used by school staff to submit and access information. Examples include: Accountability Reports, Assessment Reports, Early Education Reports, and Finance Reports. **I recommend designating the superintendent as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) to authorize user access to MDE secure websites.**

4. I recommend a first reading for the following policies:

1. 419 Tobacco-Free Environment-Policy title change; statutory change adding electronic devices and definition of 'smoking'
2. 603 Curriculum Development-Statutory change requiring information to students who do not meet or exceed MN academic standards
3. 616 School District Accountability-Statutory change adds items to school performance report
4. 618 Assessment of Achievement-Statutory changes required MDE Commissioner to create a form regarding state assessments; district must post form.

5. The School Board's Annual Agenda schedules school board governance education in July. Possible presentations/topics include a futurist, demographer, technology, advocacy groups, staff, MSBA, etc. It would be appropriate for the board to select a topic so that arrangements can be made for the July (or August) meeting. Topics in the past have been: Policy Governance (twice), Goal Setting, High School Electives/Scheduling, a Discussion of Board-Superintendent Responsibilities based on a survey completed by the board and superintendent, a Review of When Various Debt Levies Expire, and an Overview of the High School Redesign Process.

6. Attached is a draft of "Board Goals 2020-2021" based upon the school boards' discussion last month. Also attached are "2019 Strategic Planning for 2020-2021 Goals," "Stakeholder Input by EO," "All Stakeholder Input 2019," "School Board Pairwise Results 2019 for 2020-2021 District Goals," and "Board Goals History and Results." **I recommend the school board review the draft "Board Goals 2020-2021" and discuss if any changes would be desired.**

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.