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### School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Class Sizes for Second Semester  
Contact(s):  
Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent  
George Nemanich, RWHS Principal  
Jackie Paradis, Business Manager

#### Nature of Action Requested

Board Action

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Board Information or Report

#### Background Information

Shortly after the beginning of the school year, there was a board discussion about class sizes in the elementary schools and high school. Board members asked to review information to consider adding teachers to lower class sizes.

Principal Nemanich and others in the high school have been working on class registration for second semester. He provided a list 17 class sections with at least 35 students currently registered. Some student schedules are still being adjusted and—if trends follow previous years—some older students will choose to attend Tower View or Minnesota State College—Southeast. The recommendation is to hire four high school teachers in social studies, science, English/Language Arts, and physical education/health for second semester using ESSER III funds. Please note these teachers will have assignments lasting only for second semester and may not be renewed for next year due to budgetary restrictions.

As of November 8<sup>th</sup>, elementary class sizes were the following:

|                 | Target | Sunnyside<br>Class Sizes<br>Average                 | Burnside<br>Class Sizes<br>Average                    | Twin Bluff<br>Class Sizes<br>Average                      |
|-----------------|--------|---|---|---|
| K               | 23     | 17, 18, 19<br>Avg. = 18<br><i>If 2, avg. = 27</i>   | 25, 25<br>Avg. = 25                                   | 17, 17, 18, 19<br>Avg. = 17.8<br><i>If 3, avg. = 23.7</i> |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 24     | 25, 26<br>Avg. = 25.5                               | 23, 24<br>Avg. = 23.5                                 | 20, 20, 21, 21<br>Avg. = 20.5<br><i>If 3, avg. = 27.3</i> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 24     | 25, 27<br>Avg. = 26                                 | 17, 19, 21<br>Avg. = 19<br><i>If 2, avg. = 28.5</i>   | 20, 20, 21, 22<br>Avg. = 20.75                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 25     | 25, 26<br>Avg. = 25.5                               | 23, 24<br>Avg. = 23.5                                 | 26, 27, 27<br>Avg. = 26.7                                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 25     | 19, 19, 20<br>Avg. = 19.3<br><i>If 2, avg. = 29</i> | 19, 20, 20<br>Avg. = 19.7<br><i>If 2, avg. = 29.5</i> | 26, 27, 28<br>Avg. = 27                                   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | 27     | 24, 25<br>Avg. = 24.5                               | 23, 23<br>Avg. = 23                                   | 27, 29, 29<br>Avg. = 28.3                                 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | 29     | 23, 25<br>Avg. = 24                                 | 23, 25<br>Avg. = 24                                   | 27, 27, 27<br>Avg. = 27                                   |

As in other years, many students moved in/out since that teacher and bus assignments were made in August. If following strict class size targets as of November 8<sup>th</sup>, there would be 6 teacher reductions—each highlighted in yellow. Class sizes would be considerably higher in those classes. Only of them would have been recommended. Although Kindergarten classes would ideally be lower, there is no recommendation to hire additional elementary teachers.

#### Recommendation

I move to authorize the hiring of four high school teachers for the beginning of second semester as presented.