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- Date: September 6, 2019
- To: School Board
- From: Jeremy Schmidt
- RE: Meeting Notes September 9, 2019

1D. Ryan Obermoller will address the school board concerning the Dylan's Hope Foundation.

- 2A. Superintendent's Report
 - i. The fall staff development program was a success. The general session was on Thursday, August 29. The theme of the presentation was "Why are you here." The program included recognition of the many achievements by the school district departments and schools, an overview of goals, and a review of our ongoing work to meet the needs of every student. All new staff members were also introduced at the general session. The building-level programs included improving PLCs, supporting student mental health, MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Success), PBIS, school climate, staff goal setting, the teacher evaluation process, data review, high yield instructional strategies, ALICE Training, and procedures specific to each building. B-Fest, funded by the district supervisors, was enjoyed by all.
 - ii. Thank you to the School Board Members who participated in the breakfast. I heard many positive comments regarding the board's presence.
- iii. The district goals for this year are attached.
- iv. I may produce videos this year to provide superintendent updates. I am working with the technology department on this process. If created, the videos will be linked from the home page on the district website and the BPS Facebook page.
- v. Final student test results from last Spring have been released by MDE (attached):
 - i. The MCA proficiency results show that, once again, Becker surpassed the state average in every grade level for every test.
- vi. I have been able to meet with a variety of groups and organizations over the last month and look forward to the opportunity for more in the future. All groups or individuals are invited to set up an appointment with me to meet.
- vii. A Doodle poll was sent out regarding the school board workshop date for information related to the upcoming levy referendum.
- viii. The October school board meeting is scheduled for October 14th (October 7th is the fall MASA Conference.) This was approved by the school board at the organizational meeting in January.
- 3. Consent Agenda
 - D. I recommend approving the personnel items as presented.

E. I recommend approval of the gifts as presented.

F. I recommend designating December 2nd, 2019 (regular December meeting) as the Public Hearing for the FY 2020 budget and payable 2020 levy.

4. The levy certification documents for Minnesota's public schools will be issued by MDE around the 9th of September. Calculations will be completed on September 28th.

The first "levy run" typically contains errors. Kevin Januszewski will work with MDE to correct the calculations over the next few weeks. He will review the preliminary Payable 2020 levy information at the school board meeting, if available.

Kevin and I expect the Pay 20 Preliminary Levy to be comparable to the Pay 19 Levy less the operating referendum vote in November. I recommend approving the maximum preliminary certification.

A presentation covering the 19-20 budget and the Payable 2020 Levy will be provided at the December 2nd school board meeting. The final levy amount will be approved by the board at that time.

- 5. I recommend approval of resolution appointing election judges.
- 6. I have updated policies from input of the board and MSBA and recommend they be adopted.

General Note/Information: Policies 603 and 618 include age 21 requirements. This is a statutory obligation. See attached document pertaining to this received from MSBA. Links to statutes: <u>120A.20</u> (Admission to Public School) and <u>124D.52</u> (Adult Basic Education).

- 419: Tobacco-Free Environment: Policy title change; statutory change adding electronic devices and definition of 'smoking'.
- 603: Curriculum Development: Change Director of Curriculum and Instruction to Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction (based on feedback of first reading). Statutory Change requiring information to students who do not meet or exceed MN Academic Standards.
- 616: School District System Accountability: Statutory change adds items to school performance report.
- 618: Assessment of Standard Achievement: Statutory changes required MDE Commissioner to create form regarding state assessments; district must post form.
- 7. Resolution Proposal for MSBA Delegate Assembly
- 8. Proposed superintendent goals for the 2019-20 school year will be on a future agenda. The goals will reflect school district goals and initiatives. At this time, I am working diligently to meet with community members and stakeholders to grasp the current state of the district and get up to speed on everything Becker.

- 9. First Reading: 2020-2021 Strategic Planning Board Goals. These have been updated following feedback from the previous meetings.
- 10. The November School Board Meeting is scheduled for November 4th, we will need to canvass the votes in November between the 8th and the 15th. Due to Veterans Day, November 11th cannot have public meetings.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.