

TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
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RE: May 2 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Timm, Delvo, Kelly, Forsberg, Oksnevad, Sager, Livingston (left at 7:05 p.m.), Chapman, Olson, K. Schwartz, and Ptacek; Members absent: Palmer, Azer, and J. Schwartz.

- **Events:** The school board was formally invited to the school district's graduation events, the first of which is May 17 at Capitol View Center. The board was also invited to the 916 Education Foundation 31st Annual Golf Tournament at Indian Hills Golf Club in Stillwater, which takes place on June 12.
- **Hazelden partnership:** Kate Roselle, addiction prevention specialist, gave the school board an overview of the partnership Northeast Metro 916 has had for the last two school years with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. The goal of this partnership is to meet student needs with regard to substance abuse and addiction treatment.
- **Quora construction update:** Jamin Wood, facilities and operations manager, updated the school board on the construction of Quora Education Center, which is still proceeding according to anticipated timelines. ALC summer school will be held in Quora in May, and administrative offices will move to the building in summer 2018. The board voted to allow ECCO Midwest to proceed with asbestos and hazardous material remediation in the Capitol View Center building.
- **Pankalo staff appreciation:** The school board viewed a short video featuring the students from Pankalo Education Center thanking staff for their hard work throughout the school year.
- **Revised FY18 budget:** Kim Eisenschenk, director of finance, shared the final revised budget for the FY18 school year, which includes updated revenues and expenditures. The school board voted to approve the budget as presented.
- **Request for dyslexia services:** The school board discussed a resolution passed by the Stillwater school board requesting that Northeast Metro 916 explore options for offering services that serve students who have dyslexia. Leaders from 916 will meet with special education directors in June to assess interest in pursuing this service.

- **Superintendent evaluation tool:** The school board received a tool that they will use to evaluate the performance of Superintendent Hayes. The board chair will provide a summary of this evaluation at the August board meeting.
- **Joint powers agreement for data sharing:** The school board voted to approve a joint powers agreement with Ramsey County to assist in providing services to children in youth proactively with the aim of preventing referrals to the criminal justice system. They also voted to appoint Marre Jo Sager as the temporary board representative until the June meeting, which will give other board members more time to consider their interest in the position. Dan Naidicz, director of special education, will serve with Marre Jo Sager as the staff representative.
- **Insurance renewal:** The school board voted to approve agreements with Hanover Insurance Company for property, casualty, and liability insurance; and SFM Mutual for workers' compensation insurance.
- **FY19 budget assumptions:** The school board voted to approve budget assumptions for the FY19 fiscal year. These assumptions reflect the program planning for Northeast Metro 916 operations, including the special education, career and technical education, and educational services. Assumptions are a key driver for projections and need to be determined before meaningful work can be performed in budget development.
- **Staffing changes:** The school board voted to approve staffing changes, including the termination or non-renewal of probationary teachers and long-term substitutes, as well as the reduction of .1 FTE. Due to increased enrollment, the board also voted to reinstate .2 FTE that had previously been reduced at the Career and Technical Center.
- **Food service agreements:** The school board voted to approve agreements with Stillwater Area Schools to provide food services to students at Pankalo Education Center and the Auditory/Oral program.
- **Retirements:** The school board formally celebrated the retirement of Barbara Young, who will have provided the district with 16 years of service.
- **Designated district authority:** The school board named Kim Eisenschenk, director of finance, the designated authority to sign Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) legal documents on behalf of Northeast Metro 916.
- **Long-term facility maintenance:** The school board voted to approve a long-term facility maintenance program budget for its facilities for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Metro Heights Academy lease:** The school board voted to approve a lease amendment for Metro Heights Academy in Fridley, which would extend the lease through June 30, 2023.

- **Labor contract negotiations:** The school board voted on the ratification of new employment contracts with Local 70 bargaining group (operating engineers) and the Local 284 bargaining group (support staff). The vote resulted in a tie, which means that the agreements were not ratified. School district leaders will continue negotiating with each bargaining group and bring revised employment contracts to the board for ratification in the near future.
- **Installation and wiring at Quora:** The school board voted to approve costs related to audio/visual system wiring and installation of projection systems in Quora Education Center.