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TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education

FROM: Connie Hayes

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RE: September 14 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Tracy Brunnette, Marilynn Forsberg, Karen Lodico, Janet Newberg, Laura Palmer, Marre Jo Sager, Nancy Livingston, Erin Azer, Judy Schwartz, Mike Ptacek, Gail Theisen, Marcia Lindblad, Suzanne Erkel, Laura Oksnevad

- **916 Education Foundation:** Gary Benson, president of the 916 Education Foundation, presented the organization's 2015-16 annual report and encouraged board members to support the foundation. The money raised for the foundation directly benefits Northeast Metro 916 through student scholarships and recognition, specialized equipment, program development, program grants, and staff development and recognition.
- **Summer power work:** Jean Jordan, director of educational services, updated the school board on the work that was done over the summer to create curriculum scope and sequence, as well as an accompanying online portal that helps teachers create rigorous yet developmentally appropriate educational experiences for students. Three teachers and instructional coaches joined Jean in this presentation to talk about the positive impact this work has had in their classrooms.
- **Construction update:** Kristine Carr, director of administrative services, shared an update on the construction efforts for Pankalo Education Center and Quora Education Center. Both projects are proceeding within their anticipated schedules despite some weather delays.
- **Board policy review:** The school board reviewed proposed changes to the harassment and violence report form, which would add gender as a protected class, and graduation requirements. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- **Board committees:** The school board approved the following board committee assignments:
 - Executive committee: Tracy Brunnette, Marilynn Forsberg, Karen Lodico, Janet Newberg
 - Personnel committee: Janet Newberg, Laura Palmer, Judy Schwartz, Suzanne Erkel
 - Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit (ECSU): Gail Theisen
 - Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD): Marilynn Forsberg

- 916 Education Foundation: Judy Schwartz
- **Board policy approval:** The school board adopted revised policies related to mandated reporting, student medication, and the use of peace officers and crisis teams.
- **Health and dental insurance:** The school board voted to renew contracts with HealthPartners to administer the school district's health and dental insurance. The school district will see modest cost increases, but costs are lower than what other insurance companies offered in the most recent request for proposal (RFP) process. Employees will receive complete information about whether and how this will affect them in open enrollment meetings this fall.
- **Life and disability insurance:** The school board voted to change the school district's life and disability insurance provider from Hartford Insurance to Prudential, which offers the same coverage at a 2.5 percent cost decrease for the school district.
- **Q-Comp plan:** The school board voted to approve the school district's plan for Q-Comp. Q-Comp will provide Northeast Metro 916 with between \$700,000 and \$800,000 for teacher professional development. These funds will cover up to \$1,800 in incentive pay for each teacher, support for instructional coaches, and other professional development activities.

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