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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Administrative Reports
Contact(s):
Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action ☐
Board information or scheduled report ☒

Background Information

School Options	A board member suggested the consideration of a year-round school, grade looping, and combination of grades. I'll be discussing these options with the administrative team.
Minnesota State College Southeast (MSC-Southeast)	<p>Larry Lundblad, the Interim President of MSC-Southeast, explained that the college received a \$400,000 grant from the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership to implement a mechatronics program. Overall, the college will spend about \$800,000 on equipment (including nearly \$180,000 from the grant). The college will be working with local districts to determine programming needs and options.</p> <p>Through the Perkins Association, the college might implement the Trades Ambassador Project, which is intended to encourage students to consider jobs in the trade and manufacturing areas.</p>
GCED Superintendent meeting	In addition to an update from MSC-Southeast, Local superintendents discussed current learning models in each school; issues related to Maintenance of Effort for special education services during COVID; GCED's online learning application; GCED strategic planning scheduled for summer, 2021; and a working group's financial proposal to the state legislature.
Consent agenda	I asked the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) about whether or not a single hire could be removed from a list of hires in a consent agenda. The MSBA indicated that language could be interpreted in different ways, but the representative thought that a single hire could be removed, allowing other hires to remain on the consent agenda.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program approval status	Led by Mick Wendland, all 6 CTE programs that encompass 70 different courses are now pending approval by the Minnesota Department of Education. If approved, additional funding will be received from the State.
Request to reopen contract with the Cooks Association	The Cooks Association requested to reopen its agreement with the school district for the current school year, but the Non-Certified Negotiations Committee declined to reopen.
Mediation session with Custodial Association	A mediation session was held on December 2 nd . The committee will present the bargaining group's latest offer to the school board in a closed session on December 21 st .
In-Person or Hybrid school board meetings	We have two options for conducting hybrid board meetings...one using an OWL that tracks participant voices and broadcasts them and one that relies on participants using Chromebooks and headsets to communicate.
E-Learning Plan	An E-Learning plan will be submitted to the State prior to the 2021-22 school year.
Applications for educational benefits	
Survey of families open enrolling students out of the district	Dawn Wettern is leading the effort to survey families who are open-enrolling in/out of the district.
Transportation costs during Distance Learning	Sara Houle prepared a recommendation for payment of First Student during Distance Learning. This is scheduled to move through the Operations Committee.
Wonders 2020 for 6 th grade	The school district is considering the possibility of purchasing Wonders 2020 curriculum for 6 th grade if budgets over a 2-year period provide enough funding.

Recommendation

None at this time.