



**TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education**  
**FROM: Connie Hayes**  
**DATE: February 4, 2016**  
**RE: February 3 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points**

Members present: Azer-623, Brunnette-833, Erkel-15, Forsberg-16, Livingston-622, Lodico-12, Palmer-13, Ptacek-834 (left at 6:35 pm), Sager-621, Schwartz-832 and Theisen-831. Members absent: Lindblad-14 and Newberg-624.

Among a number of topics discussed at the February 3, 2016 meeting of the Northeast Metro 916 School Board, the following agenda items were addressed:

1. **2016 Legislative Platform:** The 2016 Legislative Platform prepared in collaboration with the three Intermediate School Districts was presented. Session begins March 8. The Intermediate District Legislative Platform, adopted by the school board, includes:
  - a. Area Learning Center (ALC) funding for intermediates
  - b. Expand Credit Recovery Limit students in ALCs
  - c. Provide mental health/crisis prevention professional development aid
  - d. Fully fund the special education cross subsidy
2. **Capitol View Center Design Update:** LSE Architects provided an update on the Capitol View Center design, including a discussion on outdoor space, floor plans and an exterior image rendering. Related to the Capitol View construction, the school board approved a leased space located in Roseville where approximately 35-40 non-program staff will be housed through summer 2018. Additional parking spaces during construction will be made available from an area church and at the Roseville Area Middle School.
3. **Teaching and Learning Update:** The teaching and learning team consisting of Karen Chase, Andrew Hamilton and Scott Schwister presented to the school board an update on their work and goals for the year, including several district-wide staff development days and a focus on providing personalized, data-driven support for staff.
4. **Access Fee Discussion with MDE:** Superintendent Connie Hayes provided an update to the school board regarding a seven-month long discussion with MDE regarding the intermediates' non-member access fee. The non-member access fees are an important part of the intermediate district business model that has been in existence for a very long time. The revenue provided

supports overall programming in the district and helps to keep the membership fee for member districts down. The District demonstrated that MDE has approved the access fee for many years and provided examples of statutory authority. After a final meeting with the Commissioner, MDE will now seek legislative approval for *explicit* permission for the non-member access fee. MDE's request for consultation with House Research, who provided guidance during the 2006 approval of the state's tuition billing system, suggested that it was unlikely the legislature had intended that non-members could participate in programming at Northeast Metro 916 on a better basis than members.

5. **Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions:** Due to the purchase of Valley Crossing Community School by South Washington County from the other two member districts and the change of management to South Washington County Schools effective July 2016, state statute requires that Northeast Metro 916 place all Valley Crossing tenured teachers on an unrequested leave of absence. This triggers the statutory rights for teachers who have continuing contract rights to positions in the three member districts.
6. **Acceptance of St. Anthony-New Brighton as New Member District:** St. Anthony-New Brighton Public Schools passed a resolution earlier this month to join Northeast Metro 916. Approval by the Northeast Metro 916 board establishes a total membership of 14 school districts.

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