

**Date:** December 30, 2015  
**To:** School Board  
**From:** Dr. Malone  
**RE:** Meeting Notes, January 4, 2016

1. Election Of Officers

D. The MSBA publication The First Monday In January: Everything you need to know for your board's organizational meeting is enclosed. A procedure for Election of Officers begins on page 3.

F. Apple Distinguished Program Presentation: The Becker School District, Grades 7-12, has been selected as an Apple Distinguished Program for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years. The press release from Apple notes that Becker Grades 7-12 have "been recognized as an Apple Distinguished Program for 2015 to 2017 for its implementation of an iPad 1:1 program to nurture critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration in all subject areas for grades 7-12...[and that the]...the Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for schools that meet criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, and demonstrate a clear vision of exemplary learning environments." Only 300 Apple Distinguished Program awards were issued worldwide this year. Charles Duarte, of Apple Inc. will present the award to Sandy Logrono, Middle School Principal; Nancy Helmer, Middle School Principal; and Ryan Cox, Director of Instructional Technology.

2. The Chairperson appoints the committee assignments. The 2015 committees and representatives are enclosed.

3. A. Superintendent's Report

i. School board members are registered for the MSBA Conference Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. I will coordinate transportation plans early next week.

ii. Area Superintendents met with Brenda Cassellius, MDE Commissioner of Education on December 9. The Commissioner discussed the World's Best Workforce legislation. She also heard our concerns about the WBW and may consider them as MDE prepares legislative proposals for the upcoming session.

iii. Brenda Cassellius, MDE Commissioner of Education will visit the Becker School District on January 29<sup>th</sup>. She would like to see first hand how Becker prepares self-directed learners to thrive in a changing global community by leveraging technology.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

- D. I recommend approving the personnel items as presented.**
- E. Policy 706 Acceptance Of Gifts permits the school board to accept donations or gifts under the terms of the policy. I recommend accepting the gifts as described on the enclosure.**
- F. I recommend approving the Annual Agenda (enclosed).**
- G. Joe Prom and I recommend continuing with Sherburne State Bank, STARCOR Credit Union, Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund, and PMA/MN Trust as District Depositories for 2016.**
- H. Joe Prom and I recommend continuing with Bergan KDV, LTD as the district auditors for FY 15.** The cost for services in 2014 was \$23,500. KDV agreed to a price of \$23,900 (1.7% increase) for fiscal year 2016. We may solicit bids for this service again in the future.
- I. I recommend continuing with Kennedy & Graven as the school district's Legal Counsel.**
- J. I recommend continuing with the Sherburne County Citizen as the official district newspaper.**
- K. I recommend establishing the regular board meeting date as the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. with the following exception noted below. The board should determine their preferred meeting time.**
- **July 11 (July 4 is a holiday.)**
  - **September 12 (September 5 is a holiday)**
  - **October 10 (Superintendent at Fall MASA Conference on October 3.)**

- L. I recommend approving the annual authorization for Superintendent and Business Manager to conduct electronic fund transfers pursuant to MS 471.38 Subd 3 and Subd 3a.**
5. Policy 223 Strategic Goals is the culmination of the school board's strategic planning this past year for the 2016-17 school year. The first reading was last month. **I recommend adopting the policy.**