

Date: June 1, 2017
To: School Board
From: Dr. Malone
RE: Meeting Notes, June 5, 2017

2A. Superintendent's Report

- i. Congratulations to the staff, administrators, and students for an excellent school year. I am proud of so many successful programs and initiatives throughout the school district.
- ii. One of the school board goals for the 2017-18 school year is to improve school culture/climate. I am collaborating with the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI) to meet this goal. [CAREI](#) will recommend a survey, analyze the results, and make recommendations. Per school board discussion, the school board will preview the survey before it is deployed. I am expecting a formal proposal from CAREI later in June.
- iii. The Becker Innovates Celebration on May 31st was a success. It was fun to recognize the accomplishments of our Big Dog Challenge innovation teams. Congratulations! Planning for the Fall 2017 Becker Innovates Challenge is underway.
- iv. A status report of the School Board's 2016-17 Goals is attached. Final MCA data will be available in August.

3. 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.**

4. I recommend first reading of the following policy updates:

- a. 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse – adds reports of known or suspected child sex trafficking involving a child who is identified as a victim of sex trafficking to the definition of Sexual Abuse
- b. 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students – requires the superintendent to post the lottery procedure on the school district's website in the event that a grade level is closed to open enrollment. Also, deletes the lottery procedure previously required by statute.

5. The community education board recently reviewed and updated Policy 902-1 Use Of School District Facilities & Equipment Addendum I and Fee Schedule (attached). The changes reflect current practice and updates to the policy. **I have received no input and recommend it be adopted.**

6. Strategic Planning

- A. The School Board's Annual Agenda schedules school board governance education in July. Possible presentations/topics include a futurist, demographer, technology, advocacy groups, staff, MSBA, etc. It would be appropriate for the board to select a topic so that arrangements can be made for the July (or August) meeting. Topics in the past have been: Policy Governance (twice), Goal Setting, High School Electives/Scheduling, and a Discussion of Board-Superintendent Responsibilities based on a survey completed by the board and superintendent, and a review of when our various debt levies expire.
- B. The school board should discuss potential areas for the 2018-19 school year based on the stakeholder input (attached). Previous school board goals are also attached. The ideas submitted by school board members are below. I suggest the school board develop a list of potential goals to be further considered at the July meeting.

I like the past format of having an academic goal, a financial goal, and then other more targeted goal(s).

Here are my recommendations:

- Leave the "Positive Z score" goal in place.*
- Leave the "Develop Mental Health Model" in place, but refine it from "Develop" to "Implement a sustainable, age-appropriate Mental Health Model in each school."*
- Add a new goal to develop an academic excellence model for the High School with the purpose of raising academic performance at the High School to within 10% of the Middle School performance within three years as measured by state standings/rankings. In other words, if the Middle School is ranked in the top 10% of the state, then the High School should be within the top 20%.*