

TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
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RE: June 6 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Timm, Palmer, Kelly, Forsberg, Oksnevad, Sager, Chapman, Olson, J. Schwartz, and Ptacek; Members absent: Delvo, Livingston, Azer, and K. Schwartz.

- **Golf fundraiser:** The board was invited to the 916 Education Foundation 31st Annual Golf Tournament at Indian Hills Golf Club in Stillwater, which takes place on June 12.
- **Collective bargaining agreements:** The school board voted to approve employment contracts with Local 70 bargaining group (operating engineers) and the Local 284 bargaining group (support staff).
- **FY19 budget:** Kim Eisenschenk, director of finance, presented the preliminary budget for the 2018-19 school year. The general operating budget of the district, outside of the construction projects, shows a budget surplus of approximately \$450,000. The projected surplus is the result of spending modifications made during the building project and ongoing educational operations of the district. The school board voted to approve this preliminary budget.
- **Educational Services update:** Jean Jordan, director of educational services; Ann Peterson, principal of the Area Learning Centers (ALCs); and Scott Schwister, technology integration coordinator; shared an update on the district's efforts to improve curriculum at ALCs, increase the strategic use of technology in classrooms, strengthen the school district's equity leadership efforts, and achieve AdvancED accreditation for the Career & Technical Center.
- **Health and safety policy:** The school board conducted its annual review of the health and safety policy, which has been updated to formally state our efforts to reduce lead in drinking water.
- **Tuition, access fee and membership rates:** The school board reviewed tuition rates for 2018-19, which vary by program from \$7.93 per hour for the Career & Technical Center to \$77.61 per hour for the Assessment Center. The membership fee is unchanged. Detailed rates and access fees are available in the board packet.

- **Membership options:** The school board voted to approve membership categories and related costs, benefits, and obligations for 2018-19, which are unchanged from past years.
- **Staffing changes:** The school board voted to reinstate a previously reduced position (0.1 FTE), and voted to approve the termination and nonrenewal of certain staff.
- **Food service agreements:** The school board voted to approve agreements with the Centennial, White Bear Lake, Roseville and Columbia Heights school districts to provide food service to several schools and programs within Northeast Metro 916.
- **Retirement:** The school board formally celebrated the retirement of Cheryl Kerling, Education Assistant II, who will have provided the school district with 11 years of service.