

TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
DATE: Aug. 3, 2018
RE: Aug. 1 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

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

- **Events:** The school board was invited to the Quora Education Center Grand Opening on Aug. 15 from 2-6 p.m., and to the district-wide welcome back event on Aug. 30 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- **Board committees:** Mike Ptacek, school board chair, solicited board member preferences for representatives on the executive committee, personnel committee, Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit (ECSU), Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD), and the 916 Education Foundation, with board action to follow in September.
- **Moving forward:** Dan Naidicz, executive director of programs, and Val Rae Boe, assistant director of special education, gave the school board an overview of a new approach Northeast Metro 916 is taking to improve and expand service delivery of level IV special education programs.
- **Superintendent evaluation:** Chairperson Ptacek presented a summary of the board's evaluation of Superintendent Hayes' performance during the 2017-18 school year, which was very positive.
- **Board policies:** The school board voted to adopt a revised Health & Safety policy, which had not changed since the board conducted its first reading in June.
- **New finance director:** The school board voted to approve a new employment contract with Jon VanOeveren, who accepted the position of director of finance. Jon has more than ten years of local and state government finance experience, most recently at the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).
- **Designated district authority:** The school board voted to name Jon VanOeveren the designated authority to sign Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) legal documents on behalf of Northeast Metro 916. Jon will replace Kim Eisenschenk, who will continue to serve in this role until Jon's first day of work on Aug. 8.

- **Building construction joint powers agreement:** The school board voted to approve a joint powers agreement with the City of North St. Paul for the construction of a student-built home during the 2018-19 school year.
- **Long-Term Facility Maintenance:** The school board voted to approve a revision to the long term facility maintenance program budget, which was listed incorrectly when the resolution was originally approved in May. The information provided to member districts for their levy was accurate, so no further board action is required by members.
- **Collaborative Student Transportation (CST):** The school board voted to approve a contract with Collaborative Student Transportation. This new partnership will allow the district to better serve our students and control costs for transportation services moving forward.
- **Contract signers:** The school board voted to authorize the director of finance and the director of human resources to sign contracts on behalf of the district in addition to the superintendent.
- **Retirements:** The school board formally celebrated the retirement of Brian Ogdahl, education assistant, who provided the school district with 19 years of service upon his retirement in June.
- **Organizational chart:** The school board voted to approve the organizational chart for the 2018-19 school year. Changes reflect moving Dan Naidicz to be executive director of programs; adding assistant director of special education to Val Rae Boe's duties; the hiring of Jon VanOeveren as director of finance; the hiring of Lamii Zarlee as an assistant principal of the ALCs; and moving Megan Miller to be the manager of WELS North.