

Date: November 9, 2018
To: School Board
From: Dr. Malone
RE: Meeting Notes - November 13, 2018

1E. Dr. Jean Duffy will provide an overview of Dyslexia.

2A. Superintendent's Report

- i. All School Board members are registered for the MSBA Conference Thursday, January 17th and Friday, January 18th. The theme this year is "Leadership and Trust". This is an excellent professional development opportunity and I encourage board members to attend. If you cannot attend, please notify me by Friday, December 7th so that we can cancel your room at no charge to the district.

Lori, Mark, and I will be presenting a workshop entitled "Modified Policy Governance" on Thursday, January 17th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. We will be in room L100J.

- ii. Veteran's Day programs were conducted in our schools on November 12th. The high school and middle school program were at 8:30 a.m. in the high school gym. The HS Robotics Team provided a breakfast for Veterans before the program. Thanks to the Becker American Legion Color Guard for presenting the colors.

The intermediate school program was at 10:00 a.m. in the intermediate school gym. The primary school program was at 1:30 p.m. in the primary school gym.

- iii. Becker Innovates is an ongoing innovation program to encourage and promote innovation throughout the school district. Our third Big Dog Challenge event is underway. Staff members have selected four problems. Now the staff is submitting solutions to those problems. This will be followed by a pairmatrix event where the staff will select the winning solutions. The staff members who submit winning solutions will form teams and work through the Human Centered Design process December through May. Additionally, two "easy wins" were identified and will move directly to implementation (attached).

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.

F. Kevin Januszewski and I recommend authorizing the Superintendent or Director of Business Services to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with American Capital.

- The bus is being purchased from North Central Bus; state contract pricing and net trade-in of one bus.

- The bus would be leased over five years. Amounts for lease payments

are included in the FY 19 budget for the transportation department.

- Financing quotes were received from two potential lenders. Amounts quoted below were received from American Capital which quoted the lowest rates.

- The lease agreement has been reviewed by administration and is similar to prior bus leases; we also receive an opinion letter from legal counsel approving the terms and agreements of the lease agreement.

Equipment Costs

1 - 2019 Blue Bird All American 88 Passenger School Bus	\$117,260
Total Equipment Costs	\$117,260
Down Payment Due December 2018	(25,277)
Total Amount Financed	\$91,983
December 2019 Payment	(25,277)
December 2020 Payment	(25,277)
December 2021 Payment	(25,277)
December 2022 Payment	(25,277)
Total Interest Costs	\$(9,123)
Lease Interest Rate	3.83%

G. I recommend approving the attached resolution.

H. The 2017 Legislative Session (Chapter 92, Article 2) amended MS 205.11 Subd. 2 whereby school boards must approve a resolution to combine polling places by December 31st of each year. The combined polling place must be a location currently designated for use by the City of Becker. The Becker School District is not designated for use by the City of Becker. However, the Becker City Hall has been designated. **I recommend approving the attached resolution.**

4. The first reading of Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance was conducted last month. **I recommend approving the policy.**
5. **I recommend amending the student handbooks to reflect Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance.**
6. **I recommend the first reading of Policy 224 School Board Representation On Interview Committees.**
7. Kevin Januszewski, Jason Borgstrom, and I recently met with Albert and Laura Palmer. Palmer Wireless was sold to Arvig. Albert and Laura are the area managers. The school district approved a 20-year lease of about 3,600 sq ft (60'x60') of property North of the Primary School to Palmers in 2013 for the

placement of a cell tower. Palmers are seeking to extend the lease by 10 years to accommodate a contract with AT&T. We have reached a tentative agreement with Palmers/Arvig and recommend board approval.

The school district will receive \$3,800 in revenue sharing from Palmer for 2018. The lease agreement provides that we receive 20% of revenue for antennas not owned by Palmer/Arvig. The school district also receives wireless Internet services on our busses and outdoor sporting fields in addition to a backup Internet service for the district office under the terms of the lease. The parties determined the value of these services to be about \$5,400 per year.

If the lease is extended and Palmer/Arvig can provide an antenna on the tower for AT&T:

- The School District's annual revenue share will increase by \$4,800 to \$8,600.
- Palmer/Arvig will update the wireless service and equipment on our busses making the speed 10 times faster.
- The updated wireless bus service will also expand the range of our busses' Internet service to nationwide. The additional range will be beneficial when we rejoin the Mississippi 8 Conference in the Fall of 2019.

Three documents, prepared by Palmer Wireless, are attached, which describe the proposal. The district's legal counsel has reviewed the lease agreement. **I recommend extending the Land Lease With Option with Palmer Towers/Arvig as presented.**

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.