

Date: November 30, 2017
To: School Board
From: Dr. Malone
RE: Meeting Notes, December 4, 2017

2A. Superintendent's Report

- i. All School Board members are registered for the MSBA Conference Thursday, January 11th and Friday, January 12th. The theme this year is "Student Achievement: Passion, Perseverance, and Possibility" A flier describing the conference is attached. This is an excellent professional development opportunity and I encourage board members to attend. If you cannot attend, please notify me by Friday, December 8th so that we can cancel your room at no charge to the district.
- ii. I will be one of the presenters at the "Minnesota Innovation Cohort" at the MSBA Conference on January 11th. Representatives from the Austin, Stillwater, and Cambridge-Isanti School Districts will also be on the panel along with ignite! Innovation.
- iii. Big Dog Challenge update attached.
- iv. One of the school board goals this year is to Improve School Climate (attached).

The New Jersey Climate Survey (NJCS) was deployed to teachers last month. The Center of Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI), a department within the University of Minnesota has analyzed the data and prepared a report (attached).

I am developing an action plan with the appropriate principal from each school site to improve school climate. Teachers will be asked to respond to select questions from the survey again at the end of the school year to measure progress.

- v. Representatives from MLA Architects and ICS met with the Elementary Site-Based Team on November 15th to share the plans for the Primary School addition and solicit input. Joe Prom, TJ Zerwas, Dale Christensen, and I were also present.

Soil borings and the site survey will be completed by mid-December. Technology, mechanical engineer, and casework specifications are being completed. The school board will be asked to call for bids at the January 8th meeting and accept a bid on March 5th.

Initial site-work will begin on March 26th, which is the week of Spring break. Appropriate measures will be coordinated with the school district to ensure the safety of students and staff. The completion date is scheduled for August 17th, one week before fall staff development begins.

- vi. The next school board meeting will be January 8th because January 1st is a legal holiday.

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. Truth and taxation information will be presented by Joe Prom, Director Of Business Services. **I recommend approving the payable 2018 levy in the amount of \$9,992,798.** This represents a 2.97% increase compared to the 2017 levy.
- 5. This resolution authorizes a Lease Purchase Agreement not to exceed \$2,600,000 to finance the construction of an addition to the primary school. Furthermore, the Superintendent or Director of Business Services and a School Board Officer are authorized to approve the sale of Certificates of Participation to fund the project, provided that the interest cost does not exceed 4.25%. The Lease Purchase Agreement is required as part of MDE's Review and Comment process. **I recommend approving the Lease Purchase Agreement.**
- 6. The IRS required public school districts to declare an official intent to reimburse itself for certain previously paid expenditures from the proceeds of subsequent Bonds or other borrowings. The resolution permits reimbursement to the general fund from the Certificates of Participation for preliminary expenses such as architectural, engineering, surveying, and soil testing. **I recommend approving the Reimbursement Resolution.**
- 7. The first reading of Policy 223 Strategic Goals was last month. I have received no public input regarding the policy. **I recommend adopting Policy 223 Strategic Goals.**

The history and results of previous school board goals is attached.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.