

**January 13, 2017**

**TO: Board of Education**

**FROM: Dr. Christine M. Weymouth, Superintendent of Schools**

**RE: Board of Education Meeting Agenda Background  
Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, January 16, 2017**

**INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for your participation in the Board Workshop Monday evening. Our January Regular Meeting has a fairly light agenda, as is often the case at this time of year.

Next week I will be in Milwaukee at the State Convention with three other board members, Carrie, Betty and RJ. We will travel east on Tuesday and return later on Friday afternoon. We look forward to some new learning and time to network with other administrators and school board members from across the state. We will post for this convention as we have done every year, even though it is not a board quorum attending.

We will meet in closed session for this regular board meeting as well.

The Property and Transportation Committee (Carrie, Troy and Pam) will meet on Tuesday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

**REPORTS:**

**A. Student Reports (routine)**

**B. Board Committee Reports (routine)**

**C. Leadership Team Presentation – Technology One-to One Instruction – Rob Demeuse**

Rob Demeuse will present an overview regarding our technology and one to one plan for the District. Technology is an important instructional tool that provides opportunities for students in staff in learning and day-to-day management of our work. The focus of this presentation will be instructional classroom technology, not so much those technologies that staff and administration use in our work. I encourage you to ask questions during the presentation.

**D. Superintendent’s Report:**

The Superintendent’s Report will involve my highlighting this month’s professional development day on January 20 and other community agency partnerships that the District is involved in related to mental health and wellness efforts for students and adults. Also I will briefly mention the general guidelines I use when making decisions

about school delays, early releases or closings and an update on the January pupil count compared to the September Third Friday count.

VI. **Consent Agenda (all routine items)**

VII. **Pending Action:**

A. **Review and Approval of Gifts and Donations**

Please see BoardBook for details. As of today we have received donations totaling \$2,065 for acknowledgement in January.

B. **First Reading of Proposed New Board Policy 346 – Student Assessment**

Policy 346 – Student Assessment has been reviewed by the Policy and Personnel Committee, and is being proposed to the full Board to replace former outdated policies 346 – Testing Programs, and 346.1 – Nondiscriminatory Testing. The new wording reflects current practice in the areas of both mandated State testing, and the various assessments, both formal and informal, that the District uses to measure student performance. The policy speaks to how the resulting data is utilized, and includes language about how the District ensures that all assessments are designed to prevent any discriminatory practices. Please review the proposed policy in BoardBook, and if you have questions or concerns, it would be helpful if you would contact me prior to Monday evening so that I may be prepared to address those issues.

C. **Review and Approval of Administrative Recommendations for Open Enrollment Space Availability**

Wisconsin law and Administrative Code requires every school board to designate, for the upcoming school year, the number of open enrollment regular education spaces (by grade), and the number of available open enrollment special education spaces, by program or services. (Ref. WI Admin Codes 36.04(2), PI36.06(5)(a); and WI Stat. 118.51(5)(a)1. This mandate requires an in-depth review of current enrollments, projected enrollments and staffing. The document attached for your review details the resulting recommendations for approval of open enrollment applications for the 2017-2018 school year.

As you can see, the District is limited in the number of both regular and special education applications that we can approve in grades K-8, due to section sizes and staffing. This open enrollment space availability is complicated so if you have a specific question and wish to give me or Michele Yates-Wickus a call before Monday night that would be helpful in case we need to do a little research in order to respond to your question adequately. Thank you.

D. **Discussion Regarding the 2017 WASB Education Convention Resolutions**

You will recall that in December, I made available to you copies of the resolutions that were presented to the Wisconsin Association of School Boards by school district school boards across the state of Wisconsin. Of the 16 resolutions presented to WASB, **nine** were approved by the WASB Policy and Resolutions

Committee to be proposed for consideration at the January Delegate Assembly in Milwaukee. This month, I am attaching only the summary of all resolutions that will be presented to the convention delegation by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

A reminder also that some of these are proposals to amend or repeal WASB bylaw language which is either outdated or has been changed due to legislative changes. Past practice has been to have a Board action item that authorizes the Mauston delegate to “vote on behalf of the District.” This year’s delegate is RJ Rogers. If you have concerns about any specific resolution, or wish to discuss the proposals for clarification of meaning, please be prepared to do so at Monday evening’s meeting.

**VIII. Executive/Closed Session**

Adjourn to Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f):

“Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific personnel problems... which if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data;” [Review pending matters related to personnel]

**IX. Adjourn**