



**TO:** Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education  
**FROM:** Connie Hayes  
**DATE:** Jan. 12, 2017  
**RE:** Jan. 11 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Erin Azer, Tracy Brunnette, Marilynn Forsberg, Amy Kelly, Janet Newberg, Laura Palmer, Marcia Lindblad, Nancy Livingston, Laura Oksnevad, Mike Ptacek, Marre Jo Sager, Judy Schwartz, Kathy Timm, and Gail Theisen.

- **Election of officers:** The school board elected the following officers: Tracy Brunnette, chair; Marilynn Forsberg, vice chair; Marre Jo Sager, clerk; and Janet Newberg, treasurer. The school board also agreed on the compensation for all members, which is unchanged from last year.
- **Staff development grant:** The school district applied for and received \$398,000 in staff development funds in November 2016. These funds will provide:
  - Annual recertification and initial training in Professional Crisis Management (PCM) or Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) to all licensed and non-licensed staff working in a setting IV program
  - Additional training for all elementary staff in Teacher Child Interaction Training (TCIT) intervention
  - Education for staff on the effects of trauma on children, and how to respond and work effectively with children who have adverse childhood experiences (ACE)
  - Responsive, intentional support to staff who experience traumatic events in all setting IV programs
- **Technology update:** Elam Noor, director of technology, gave the school board an update on changes to the school district's technology options in the last six months. Highlights include:
  - A new domain, [www.916schools.org](http://www.916schools.org)
  - Data backup and protection
  - A shift to cloud-based resources
  - New support and ticketing system
  - New training and support resources

Elam shared news of upcoming projects, including enhanced data services for Northeast Metro 916 and its member districts, and revised technology and social media policies.

- **Audit report:** The school board voted to accept the audit report that was presented at the Dec. 14 meeting. The report found:
  - Zero deficiencies in the school district's internal control over financial reporting that they considered to be material weaknesses.
  - Zero instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.
  - Zero findings based on their testing of the school district's compliance with Minnesota laws and regulations.
  
- **2017-18 calendar:** The school board voted to approve school calendars for the 2017-18 school year. The calendars are similar to calendars the school district has seen in the past few years, with the exception of Capitol View, which will begin and end school earlier due to construction needs.

The final calendar differs from the draft that the board reviewed in December by adjusting staff days at East View Academy so that all ALC staff can participate in the same beginning-of-year workshops.

- **Contract approval:** The school board approved agreements with three organizations in order to establish a pattern for subsequent contract approval moving forward. The three organizations are:
  - **Tree Trust**, a local nonprofit focused on providing employment training for Twin Cities at-risk youth, as well as the devastation of tree canopy due to Dutch Elm disease;
  - **Step Up**, which is part of the City of Minneapolis and assists with securing contractors; and
  - **John Sedey and Associates** (Mr. Sedey used to be principal for the district's ALC program).

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