

Miscellaneous Items to Report by Superintendent

Does **MREA** renewal happen about the same time as MSBA renewal? The Summer of 2020 there was a discounted-incentive to do a two-year **membership renewal** with Minnesota Rural Education Association. MREA membership was pre-approved in advance last summer for SY21-22.

Status of **Arena** Building 48' x 70' plus canopy on 3.75 acres **Purchase Agreement:** \$48,000 contingent upon legal counsel review/recommendations; plus necessary title work and/or

necessary title insurance.

Purchase agreement language appears to be close to being finalized as mutually

agreeable by both the School District's (Buyer's) legal counsel and the legal counsel representing Badger Arena Association (Seller). A closing date will be set and announced soon.

Personnel Vacancies:

Resignation of Elem/PreSchool Sp Ed Paraprofessional (that assisted with student learning

Sign Language) > Agenda 9.3

Recommend advertising for Elem Sp Ed Paraprofessional (that will assist with learning Sign Language and other areas) Vacancy > Agenda Item 9.4

Good news: Sign Language Interpreter Services will be provided by

NWRIC Sp Ed

five days per week; however, a Para will be need morning, lunch/recess and afternoon transitions.

Applicants for the Two Special Education Teacher Vacancies thus far:

candidate Last Friday afternoon (July 9) the District received an application from a

that has approximately 3.25 years of experience as an 'Out-of-Field Permission' candidate (served under what was formerly a variance or community expert license).

Received an email inquiry regarding Elem/MS Sp Ed vacancy received June 21. Same prospective applicant requested copy of BEA Agreement on July 8 and

indicated their spouse had a non-education field job interview July 10 in the area.

Same prospective applicant telephoned me July 9 asking for more details regarding group health insurance information (i.e., premiums, district contribution, teacher out-of-pocket expense). According to MDE database, this candidate is licensed in EBD, LD and DD has several years of Sp Ed teaching experience.

Applicants for Paraprofessional Vacancies thus far:

interest and One of the candidates previously interviewed in February 2021 expressed

would like to be considered as a candidate for consideration again

experienced Last Friday afternoon (July 9) the District received an application from an

candidate currently serving in another school.

Approve Badger Non-Certified Staff Agreement for the next two-year cycle of 2021-2023

Dean of Students/AD/Dist. Assessment Coord. contract recommendation still pending.

Recommend approving all other terms and conditions of employment for the Badger Non-Certified Staff to avoid the extra tasks related to retro-active pay.

> Agenda Item 9.2

Request for Bids: Milk > Agenda Item 9.6,
Snow Removal > Agenda Item 9.7
Why not Bread? Area schools now jointly procure bread pricing/bidding
with the cooperative purchasing program through the NWSC

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School Social Worker unit clarification order creates a two-month gap in health insurance coverage.

Administration recommends payment of July and August monthly premiums during the transition.

> Agenda item 9.5

Food for Kids Backpack Program with North Country Food Bank > Agenda Item 9.8

Meal Prices: traditionally meal price changes. If necessary, are made at the regular July School Board

Meeting; however, MDE has not released recommendations yet. I anticipate the delay is due to the USDA SPFS free meal programs during COVID pandemic.

Tabled Agenda Items 9.9 (Student meals) and 9.10 (Adult meals)

Recent Power Outages in the city of Badger: *Is there a need to **explore back-up generator in future?***

No power approx. 2 hours about 10am to Noon on June 15

Internet/email was restored shortly afterwards; however, the file server and backup server were not functioning for the remainder of the day. Tech Coordinator had to do several hours of trouble-shooting and reset attempts with no luck; eventually doing a support service ticket to the server company for assistance.

No power approx.. 6 hours about 9:45pm July 3 to 3:45am July 4

At 12:45am July 4 the Building & Grounds Supervisor cellphone was dispatched

by

Johnson Control/Simplex Alert Center to respond to notification sent by the school's fire panel to do an onsite building safety check inspection and clear the alarm code and reset the fire panel to 'test' (for up to the next 12 hours). Building & Grounds Supervisor did a follow-up check the next day mid-morning. Tech Coordinator did a July 4 afternoon diagnostic and server reset.

The school does have battery back-ups on all of the servers, routers and switches, but they are

only good for approx. 20 minutes.

Athletic Shuttle Bus Compensation:

At 11:30am on June 22 an in-person meeting was held in the GMR Library regarding the Athletic

Shuttle Bus pay discrepancy: Jeremy Svode (GMR Transportation Director), Amie Westberg (GMR Business Manager), Dr. Larry Guggisberg (GMR Interim Superintendent), Tom Dostal (Badger Transportation Director), Shena Brandt (Badger Business Manager), Kevin Ricke (Badger Superintendent/Principal K-12)

Joint Schools (the group of 6 above) Recommendation:

Athletic Shuttle Bus Driving \$45.00 per trip to Greenbush for SY21-22 and SY22-23.

\$45.00 for Pre-Practice Trip (commonly 3:15 PM

+ \$45.00 for Post-Practice Trip (commonly 5:45 PM)

\$90.00 for doing both trips the same day

Should match Joint Sports (GMR ISD #2683) rates identified in Certified Staff Schedule C and Schedule D.

'Retro-active' adjustments neither advised nor recommended for previous SY20-21.

Maximize Instructional Space Utilization items raised at June 29th Listening Sessions with Non-Certified Staff:

#1 Need consistent reliable Internet Access to Room 27, Room 28 and the Stage

#2 Explore 'wish' requests for use for Resource Room 21.5

School Social Worker will be here onsite 5 days per week rather than only 3 days per week compared to the previous academic year. NWRIC Sp Ed service providers consistently used the School Social Worker Office Room 12 two days per week.

on Prior to SY20-21 the Tech Coordinator had access to use Room 29 for working several devices at a time as needed. Room 29 is a classroom now used daily.

reducing What is the history regarding the wall opening between Room 6 and Room 8? Would it be advantageous to explore framing/sheet rocking a sound-closure to create a separate SPACE by closing the opening again? Unsure what the fire code requirements would be if a pass-through door would be explored?