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TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
DATE: March 3, 2016
RE: March 2 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Azer-623, Erkel-15, Forsberg-16, Lindblad-14, Livingston-622, Lodico-12, Newberg-624, Oksnevad-282, Ptacek-834, Sager-621, Schwartz-832 and Theisen-831. Members absent: Brunnette-833 and Palmer-13.

Among a number of topics discussed at the March 2, 2016 meeting of the Northeast Metro 916 School Board, the following agenda items were addressed:

1. **Special Education Assessment Center and Consultation Team:** Director of Special Education Dan Naidicz presented information on two of the unique services offered through special education, the Assessment Center and Consultation Team. The Assessment Center was established in 2009 at the request of member districts to provide comprehensive educational evaluation of students' skills and school functioning. More recently, the Consultation Team was created to analyze both special education students and special education programs facing challenging situations in which conventional methods have not been successful. This team provides innovative, research-based interventions, geared toward achieving success for the student or program.
2. **Joint Purchasing Contract Usage:** Director of Administrative Services Kristine Carr presented the school board with usage data of the joint purchasing contracts. Joint purchasing contracts are used by member and non-member districts to purchase a variety of supplies and furniture through specified manufacturers, and increases the buying power of the contract, which in turn lowers prices. The district currently has joint purchasing agreements with 80 public entities including school districts in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada and Wisconsin and one state university.
3. **Retirements:** Northeast Metro 916 would like to congratulate nine licensed staff members on their upcoming retirements: Leah Abdella, Linda Bestler, Connie DeMillo, Sue Figg, James Fridgen, Judy Meier, Megan MacLeod, Kathryn Rolstad, and Kathleen Romuld.
4. **Commissioning Contract for Capitol View Replacement Project:** Per Minnesota Statute, all new buildings must be commissioned to provide testing and assurances on basic mechanical and electrical systems within the structure. The district solicited proposals for the Capitol View

Replacement Project from two firms. The School Board approved moving forward with the recommended lower cost proposal with Dunham Associates, Inc.

5. **Approval of Letter of Agreement between Valley Crossing Community School Collaborating School Districts:** This will be the last year that the three member districts, South Washington County, Stillwater, and North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale, will contract with Northeast Metro 916 to run the program at Valley Crossing Community School. Northeast Metro 916 has run the collaborative school since its inception in the mid-90s. The School Board approved the Letter of Agreement between the Valley Crossing Community School Collaborating School Districts related to the withdrawal of the program from Northeast Metro 916.
6. **Contract Approvals:** The School Board approved the contract settlement with the 916 Classified Confidential Employees and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70. Additional contract negotiations are in progress for the remaining unions.

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