

Date: January 3, 2014
To: School Board
From: Dr. Malone
RE: Meeting Notes, January 7, 2014

The stakeholder input session will begin at 5:30 p.m. Two hundred invitations were mailed to parents.

Parents will be divided into groups for pizza and conversation with school board members at each table. School board members are asked to lead the discussion and solicit input from the parents on the following topics:

- What should Becker students know and be able to do to be successful?
- What is your expectation of the Becker School District?
- What is important for the Becker School District in the future (5 to 10 years)?
- Why do you financially support the Becker School District? Would you consider giving more?

At approximately 6:00 p.m. each table will summarize their conversation for the large group. Then the opportunity for large group discussion will be offered. The district secretary will record the input.

The school board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., following the discussion with parents.

1. Election Of Officers

D. The MSBA publication The First Monday In January: Everything you need to know for your board's organizational meeting is enclosed. A procedure for Election of Officers begins on page 3.

MSBA's interpretation of MS 123B.14 Subd. 1 is found on page 1. "If the most recently selected chair (the person elected chair last year) is still on the board, that board member should call the meeting to order and run the meeting until his or her successor is selected and qualifies." Accordingly, Aaron Jurek will preside until another chairperson is selected.

2. Appointment of Officers and Representatives. The 2013 committees and representatives are enclosed.

3. A. Superintendent's Report

- i. School board members are registered for the MSBA Conference Thursday, January 16th and Friday, January 17th. I will coordinate transportation plans early next week.
- ii. The Becker Community and School are deeply saddened following the death of three high school students this past year. A list of the ongoing school mental health intervention programs is attached.

The school district is organizing a Community Task Force. The welfare of our young people is a shared responsibility. Our community, school, faith-based organizations, parents, and other organizations are all accountable for the success of our children.

The task force will convene in on January 13th. The membership list is attached.

The number of parent volunteers exceeded the available positions on the task force. Many volunteers will be needed to support this initiative. I anticipate that those not selected for the task force will be contacted for service in the months ahead.

- iii. Joe Prom and I will present the revised fiscal year 2014 budget along with preliminary fiscal 2015 budget next month.

- iv. Student enroll in/out data is below:

	Resident ADM	Enroll In	Enroll Out	Net (Loss)	Gain	ADM Served
2011-12	2,575	246	104	142		2,717
2012-13	2,550	304	123	181		2,731
2013-14*	2,556	337	125	212		2,768
*projected						

A survey was conducted in November for families who enroll out or home school. The survey sought to determine reasons why families choose to enroll out or home school. The results are attached.

4. 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.**
- F. I recommend approving the Annual Agenda (enclosed).**
- G. Joe Prom and I recommend continuing with Sherburne State Bank, STARCOR Credit Union, Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund, and PMA/MN Trust as District Depositories for 2014.**
- H. Joe Prom and I recommend continuing with Kern DeWenter Viere, LTD as the district auditors for FY 15.** Auditing services were bid in 2010 for fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013. The cost for services in 2013 was \$22,630. KDV agreed to a price of \$23,000 (1.6% increase) for fiscal year 2014. We may solicit bids for this service again in the future.
- I. I recommend continuing with Kennedy & Graven as the school district's Legal Counsel.**
- J. I recommend continuing with the Sherburne County Citizen as the official district newspaper.**
- K. I recommend establishing the regular board meeting date as the first Monday of each month with the following exceptions noted below. The board should determine their preferred meeting time.**
 - **February 3rd, board workshop for stakeholder meeting input to begin one hour before the school board meeting.**
 - **March 3rd, 2:00 p.m. board workshop for stakeholder meeting input from selected high school students, 3:00 p.m. board meeting, location in the high school auditorium.**
 - **April 7th, board workshop for stakeholder meeting input to begin one hour before the school board meeting.**
 - **September 8th (September 1st is a holiday)**

- L. I recommend approving the annual authorization for Superintendent and Business Manager to conduct electronic fund transfers pursuant to MS 471.38 Subd 3 and Subd 3a.**
5. Jean Duffy will provide an overview of the District Curriculum System.
- 6. I recommend closing the meeting pursuant to MS 13D.03 to consider strategy for labor negotiations.**