

TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
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RE: Jan. 9 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Ptacek, Forsberg, Oksnevad, Sager, Azer, Chapman, Delvo, Kelly, Livingston, Olson, Palmer, J. Schwartz, K. Schwartz, Timm

- **Election of officers and board compensation:** The school board elected Marilynn Forsberg as chair, Laura Palmer as vice chair, Laura Oksnevad as clerk, and Marre Jo Sager as treasurer. The school board also voted to maintain the current compensation for board members, which is between \$5,000 and \$5,700 per year depending on the individual's role on the board.
- **Foundation gala:** The school board was invited to the 916 Education Foundation Annual Gala on Feb. 22, the proceeds from which will support the purchase of science equipment for the three Area Learning Centers.
- **Joint purchasing update:** Jon VanOeveren, director of finance; and Pat Harris, purchasing manager for districts 916 and 287; presented a report on joint purchasing activities for the 2018 calendar year. Joint purchasing contracts are available for other school districts to purchase from; this practice increases the buying power of the contract, which in turn lowers prices for our member and non-member districts. We currently have joint purchasing agreements with 61 public entities, and in 2018 the combined total purchases made under these contracts was \$8,477,814. Northeast Metro 916 will collect administrative fees totaling \$84,778 based on these purchases.
- **Proactive measures:** Theresa Wallace, consultation team member, shared the school district's plan for a summer workshop series called Proactive Measures. This professional development opportunity aims to equip member district staff with the skills to enhance their existing programming and prevent placing students in level IV special education settings.
- **Equity Resource Library:** Jean Jordan, director of educational services, presented the Equity Resource Library to the school board. This library contains videos, infographics, tip sheets, and other tools to help staff from Northeast Metro 916 explore equity topics at their own pace.

- **Board policy:** The school board conducted a first reading of revisions to a policy regarding the disposition of obsolete equipment & material. The revisions raise the value of goods for disposal from \$100,000 to \$175,000 in accordance with state statute.
- **Acceptance of audit report:** The school board voted to approve a report that the auditor prepared for Northeast Metro 916's budget during the 2017-18 school year. This report was presented at the December board meeting.
- **Annual Laserfiche License Renewal:** The school board voted to approve a license renewal for Laserfiche, software for workflow and other business processes. The district has been using this software for many years, but this year is the first year that it has reached the threshold for board approval due to additional member districts being added to the consortium.
- **2018 pay equity report:** The school board voted approve the district's submission of its pay equity report as required by law. The report is designed to reduce pay inequity between women and men who have comparable jobs.
- **Nardini Fire Equipment:** The school board voted to approve a contract with Nardini Fire Equipment for egress hallway smoke detection at Quora Education Center. This project is required by the fire marshal and is in addition to fire safety measures already installed in the building.