



TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
DATE: Nov. 10, 2016
RE: Nov. 9 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Suzanne Erkel, Marilyn Forsberg, Karen Lodico, Janet Newberg, Laura Palmer, Marre Jo Sager, Nancy Livingston, Erin Azer, Judy Schwartz, Mike Ptacek, Marcia Lindblad, and Laura Oksnevad. Members absent: Tracy Brunnette and Gail Theisen.

- **Hazelden partnership:** Dan Porter, lead social worker, and Mark Sheets, Hazelden Executive Director of Youth Continuum, updated the school board on the partnership between the district and Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. The partnership aims to provide addiction counseling to students and families at several sites throughout the district.
- **Construction update:** Kristine Carr, director of administrative services, provided an update on the construction projects underway at Pankalo Education Center (Lake Elmo) and Quora Education Center (Little Canada). Construction continues to be within anticipated timelines.
- **Annual reports:** Superintendent Hayes presented the cumulative annual report, as well as specific annual reports for all member districts. These reports detail enrollment, demographics, philanthropic support and good news at each of Northeast Metro 916's programs during the 2015-16 school year. [Mahtomedi: 2015-16](#)
- **Policy approval:** The school board voted to approve revisions to the harassment and violence report form and policy. This vote followed three readings that included discussion of whether to add gender to this particular policy vs. creating a district policy to guide development of staff, curriculum and decision-making practices.
- **Century College partnership:** The school board voted to approve a joint powers agreement that outlines the duties of the school district and Century College in providing Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) services for the 2016-17 school year.
- **Site visits:** School board members and their superintendents were invited to visit programs that are in the same or similar geographic regions of the member district. The next visit will be to Karner Blue on Nov. 29, and visitors are asked to RSVP to Linda Zahradka at lzahradk@916schools.org.

You can find the full agenda at: <http://www.nemetro.k12.mn.us/Page/2733>.