



Superintendent's Report

August 19, 2019

"Always Our Best"



Vision: Empowering all for lifelong learning

Mission: Creating an educational community where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected, and all are prepared for the future.

Roof Leak - Gymnasium - I imagine you have all heard that our gymnasium roof leaked over the playing court Thursday night and forced us to move our matches to one of the side courts.

This leak has been an ongoing issue (multiple years) and one that was believed to have been corrected multiple times.

Efforts have repeatedly been made to get the roofers and equipment installers to correct the issue and accept responsibility. Those problem solving discussions started again Friday morning and I will keep you posted on our progress. ([Email](#))

Rushford Building Sale - Update - Very close to finalizing with a final effort being made through Pioneer Abstract & Title to locate missing title information. Papers should be signed in the next week or two.

Special Board Meeting #1 - We are on track to have our first "Special Board Meeting" this trimester. The administration has two suggested dates. (Oct. 9th or 23rd)

The preferred starting time would be 5 PM for our teachers who will be presenting.

Topics -

- 1) Second Step - Elementary Staff
- 2) State Assessment Results

Superintendent Goals / School Improvement (Special Meeting #2) - I still have a ways to go with my "sit down conversations" with our teachers, but my hope is that our 2nd Special meeting will feature a "sharing out" of how these conversations have shaped my personal goals as superintendent and will most likely impact our district goals. This meeting will take place in December or January.

Update on Supt. / Minnesota Finance Training - I attended a MASA workshop on finance last Wednesday in Minneapolis and have two more meetings that I will be attending this year.

This first meeting's primary focus was our annual "Truth in Taxation" Meeting." (requirements, suggestions, presentation templates, etc.)

HVED Facilities Update - Valarie Howe serves on the HVED Board and can most likely do a better job describing the history and facility needs for HVED.

Over the past few months I have been able to be a part of the discussions and do know that some progress has been made relating to future HVED facilities. Basically, the list of options has narrowed from many to a few.

- 1) Two sites serving the northwest and southeast better. (2 new?, 1 new and one remodeled?)
- 2) One site more in the middle of the service area
- 3) Stay with what we have now

Sad News - (Toni Oian emailed to staff Monday, Sept. 16.)

Many of you may have already heard, but we have some sad news to share, DeeAnn Westby passed away on Friday.

<https://www.hofffuneral.com/obituary/333024/DeeAnn-Westby/>

DeeAnn was a member of our kitchen staff since 2015. Also, DeeAnn was the sister of Diane Johnson, one of our custodians.

From her obituary: *"DeeAnn was a crazy, up-beat, fun loving, perky, adventurous, caring woman who was an absolute hoot. She will be missed by all who loved and knew her."*

Please keep the family of DeeAnn in your thoughts and prayers.

NEGOTIATIONS

