

**TO:** Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education  
**FROM:** Connie Hayes  
**DATE:** Jan. 11, 2018  
**RE:** Jan. 10 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Azer-623, Chapman-624, Delvo-14, Forsberg-16, Kelly-15, Livingston-622, Oksnevad-282, Olson-831, Palmer-13, Ptacek-834, Sager-621, Schwartz-832, Schwartz-833, and Timm-12.

- **Election of officers:** The school board elected Mike Ptacek as chair, Marilyn Forsberg as vice chair, Laura Oksnevad as clerk, and Marre Jo Sager as treasurer.
- **Board compensation:** The school board 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, the proceeds from the Fund-a-Need will support the purchase of electronic whiteboards for the Career & Technical Center.
- **Equity update:** Jean Jordan, director of educational services; and Dr. David Everett; gave the school board a history of equity work since 2011 and an update on current practices. The school board was invited to take the Intercultural Development Inventory, a tool that the district uses to help individuals advance in their personal equity journey.
  - The District Equity Leadership Team (DELT) recorded a video introducing themselves to staff for an upcoming professional development day that is completely dedicated to advancing equity work. [View the video here.](#)
- **Ramsey County Mental Health:** Dan Porter, lead social worker, introduced a film called *The Whole Story*, a documentary-style training film about children's mental health and trauma. Narrated by a teen with mental illness, this film uses real stories from families and providers across multiple systems.
  - The film can be accessed online at <https://www.rccmhc.org/whole-story>; the password is *kids*.
- **Proactive Measures:** Theresa Wallace, teacher; 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.

- **Gender Equity Commitment:** Jean Jordan gave the board an overview of the school district's newly adopted commitment to gender equity, which addresses guiding principles, relevant laws, and a commitment to fostering a gender inclusive school and workplace.
- **Acceptance of audit report:** The school board voted to approve a report that the auditor prepared for Northeast Metro 916's budget during the 2016-17 school year. This report was presented at the December board meeting.
- **Tax allocation benefit:** The school board voted to adopt a resolution to allow Kraus-Anderson to claim an income tax deduction for costs associated with our construction projects that include energy-savings benefits.
- **New director of human resources:** The school board voted to approve a new employment contract with Ilissa Ramm, who has accepted the position of director of human resources.
- **Technology purchase:** The school board voted to approve purchasing electronic whiteboards for Quora Education Center.