



Date: December 31, 2020  
To: School Board  
From: Jeremy Schmidt  
RE: Meeting Notes, January 4, 2021

1. D. Election of Officers: The MSBA publication The First Monday In January: Everything you need to know for your school board's Organizational Meeting is enclosed under the Superintendent's Report. The procedure for Election of Officers begins on page 3. A list of the 2020 officers is also attached.
2. The Chairperson appoints the committee assignments. The 2020 committees and representatives are attached.
3. A. Superintendent's Report
  - i. School board members are registered for the virtual MSBA Conference
  - ii. Guidance from MDE and MDH on procedures related to COVID-19 continue to occur on a day to day basis.
    - a. Bus drivers are no longer required to quarantine if they can ensure 6' of distance from passengers. Assuming their only contact with students is when they board or depart the bus.
    - b. Staff are required to wear a face mask and face shield together whenever possible and when they are working with others, effective January 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - c. School activities began on January 4<sup>th</sup> with a number of specific requirements and recommendations from MDH, MDE, and MSHSL. Competitions are able to begin on January 14<sup>th</sup> for some activities.
    - d. Becker Schools will be implementing an option for shorter quarantines (7 day with a negative test and 10 day without a test). These will be able to requested by families and approved on a case-by-case basis.
    - e. LPH and MDH along with MDE are working on logistics of vaccine distribution.
  - iii. Due to COVID-19 the School Board Strategic Goals for 2020-2021 will not all be able to be measured and met.
    - a. Goal 1 pertains to MCA scores from the spring of 2020, these did not occur and therefore will have no data tied to them.
    - b. Goal 2 is continuing to be evaluated and applied. Although, services do look different this year than past years due to learning models.
    - c. Goal 3 is also continuing to be in progress.
    - d. Goal 4 was recommended by the board as a continuous goal and finances continue to be a priority for Becker School District.
4. Consent Agenda
  - D. I recommend approving the personnel item as presented.
  - E. I recommend approving the Annual Agenda (attached.)
  - F. Kevin Januszewski and I recommend continuing with Sherburne State Bank, Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund, and PMA/MN Trust as District Depositories for 2020.
  - G. Kevin Januszewski and I recommend continuing with Bergan KDV, LTD as the district auditors for FY 20. The three-year quote from Bergan KDV is \$25,500 for 2020, \$26,000 for 2021, and \$26,500 for 2022.

- H. I recommend continuing with Kennedy & Graven as the school district's Legal Counsel.
  - I. I recommend continuing with the Patriot News as the official district newspaper.
  - J. I recommend approval of the First Monday of each month as the official Regular School Board Meeting Dates, with the exception of September 13 (September 6 is Labor Day). There are two regular meetings in May (May 3, May 17)
  - K. I recommend the Board of Education to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to conduct electronic fund transfers on behalf of the district per MN Statute 471.38 Subd 3 and 3a.
  - L. I recommend approving authority to Transportation Director to schedule routes, establish bus stops, and discretion in control and discipline of school children with school district administration per MN State Statute 123B.88.
5. 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.
  6. With no further input or recommendations, I recommend approval of Policy 704 Development and Maintenance of An Inventory of Fixed Assets and Policy 721 Uniform Grant Guidance.
  7. I recommend approval of the MOU with the Transportation Bargaining Unit due to the COVID-19 requirements and recommendations.
  8. I recommend approval of the MOU with the Multi-Unit Bargaining Group (SEIU 284) due to the COVID-19 requirements and recommendations.
  9. I recommend approval of the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds and Calling a Special Election on May 11, 2021 to be held at our combined polling place location.
  10. I recommend approval of the 2021-2022 School District Calendar. Input was provided via survey. Members of the calendar committee consisted of 4 parents, 4 members of BEA, 2 students, Administration, School Board Member (1), and members of SEIU 284 all who were provided with the option to complete the survey.