

TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
DATE: Nov. 8, 2018
RE: Nov. 7 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Ptacek, Forsberg, Oksnevad, Sager, Azer, Chapman, Delvo, Kelly, Livingston (left at 6:45 p.m.), Olson, Palmer, J Schwartz, K Schwartz; Members absent: Timm

- **Winter graduation:** The school board was invited to attend the ALC winter graduation at 6 p.m. on Dec. 20 at Quora Education Center.
- **Site visits:** School board members and their district administrators were invited to visit programs that serve students of the member districts. The next visit will be to Pankalo Education Center on Nov. 15, and visitors are asked to RSVP to Linda Zahradka at lzahradk@916schools.org.
- **Special education training and consultation:** Theresa Wallace, teacher, updated the school board on consultation services and training offered to member districts in order to build their capacity to serve students with very complex special needs. The goal is ultimately to improve members' ability to intervene proactively with students in level III special education programs in order to reduce the number of referrals to Northeast Metro 916.
- **Construction update:** Jamin Wood, facilities and operations manager, updated the school board on the construction progress of Quora Education Center. Despite challenges, the school opened on time for students and staff in September and finishing touches are ongoing.
- **Understanding gender equity:** Syreeta Wilkins, director of communications, delivered a short training to board members on the complexities of gender, and gave an overview of the school district's commitment to gender equity.
- **Board policies:** The school board conducted a first reading of a board policy that addresses public and private personnel data (406). They also voted to approve policies related to equal opportunity (102), open and closed meetings (205), public participation in school board meetings (206), gifts to employees (421), and public data requests (722).
- **Psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF):** The school board voted to approve a lease agreement with Cambia Hills, a PRTF located in East Bethel that is scheduled to open

in 2019. Northeast Metro 916 will provide the educational services to the children and youth in Cambia Hills' care. The lease cost will be covered by the tuition paid by the resident district of the student admitted for treatment.

- **Contract agreement:** The school board voted to approve a tentative agreement between Education Assistant Federation Local 2343 and Northeast Metro 916. The agreement includes schedule improvement of 1.85% in year one and 1.34% in year two; step movement both years; increases in the school district's contribution towards health insurance; and no change in dental insurance.