



**TO:** Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education  
**FROM:** Connie Hayes  
**DATE:** October 17, 2016  
**RE:** October 12 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: 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, Suzanne Erkel and Gail Theisen.

- **Teacher-Child Interaction Training (TCIT) update:** Dan Naidicz, director of special education; and Amy Johncox, manager of Elementary ALP programs; updated the school board on Teacher-Child Interaction Training (TCIT). TCIT works to improve children’s ability to benefit from academic instruction and the teacher-child relationship. Since select schools and programs began using the training in fall 2015, they have seen increased student engagement, and more effective instruction and behavior management.
- **Board policy review:** The school board discussed a second reading of the harassment and violence report form. Discussion was held on whether to add gender to this particular policy vs. creating a district policy to guide development of staff, curriculum and decision-making practices.
- **Board policy approval:** The school board voted to approve changes to the Graduation Standards Requirements Policy they reviewed earlier this fall.
- **Legislative proposal:** Superintendent Hayes presented a legislative proposal that she has drafted in collaboration with superintendents from Intermediate District 287 and Intermediate District 917. The proposal, called “Setting 4.5,” aims to improve student academic and mental health outcomes by embedding intensive mental health services into the programs. We believe that better student outcomes will result in lower staff injuries.
- **Staff recognition:** The school board recognized Robert Stein, an education assistant who will retire after 21 years of service to the district. They also recognized the 17 staff who earned tenure in July 2016.

- **Contract approval:** The school board approved two contracts with District Management Council (DMC) for contract work in member districts. The first is for work in Forest Lake, South Washington County, Spring Lake Park and Stillwater. The second, separate contract is for work in Mahtomedi. Northeast Metro 916 is acting as a fiscal agent.

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