



TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
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RE: May 3 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Azer-623, Brunnette-833, Erkel-15, Forsberg-16, Lindblad-14, Livingston-622, Lodico-12, Newberg-624, Oksnevad-282 (via Skype for Business), Palmer-13, Ptacek-834, Sager-621, Schwartz-832 and Theisen-831. Members absent: None.

Among a number of topics discussed at the May 3, 2016 meeting of the Northeast Metro 916 School Board, the following agenda items were addressed:

1. **New Cabinet Members Introduced:** Superintendent Hayes introduced the replacement for the outgoing technology supervisor. Director of Technology Leadership Elam Noor comes to Northeast Metro 916 from Hill-Murray where he was the director of technology. Elam graduated from Stillwater and also worked in the technology department before he went to Hill-Murray. And, a new .5 FTE position to the district, Phyllis Braxton, director of equity, has been consulting all across the United States. She has been working with Northeast Metro 916 through her consulting firm, PINK Consulting, for several years.
2. **Long-Term Maintenance Plan:** Director of Administrative Services Kristine Carr presented the school board with information regarding the district's first Long-Term Maintenance Plan. The plan approved by the board will fund needs totaling \$275,435 in FY 17 and FY 18. This will replace the health and safety levy members levy on behalf of Northeast Metro 916 for its buildings. The levy will impact homeowners in a \$200,000 value home between .25 and \$1.00 annually.
3. **Valley Crossing Community School video:** A video was presented to the school board which provides a look back to the start of Valley, featuring a number of past administrators and staff, and highlighting some of the unique elements to the school design and program. The video is available for viewing by clicking [here](#).
4. **Personnel items:** Various personnel items were approved by the school board including recognition of a retirement, non-renewal of long-term substitute teachers, non-renewal of probationary teachers, and reduction of two Career and Technical teachers by .2 FTE each.

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