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TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
DATE: May 4, 2017
RE: May 3 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Erin Azer, Tracy Brunnette, Marilynn Forsberg, Amy Kelly, Marcia Lindblad, Nancy Livingston, Janet Newberg, Laura Oksnevad, Mike Ptacek, Marre Jo Sager, Judy Schwartz, Gail Theisen, and Kathy Timm.

- **Events:** In addition to previously announced graduation events, the school board was invited to attend the 916 Education Foundation's annual golf fundraiser, as well as Top Secret Project. Top Secret Project is a Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation program that will be hosted at East View Academy on Tuesday, May 23. It helps parents recognize unfamiliar hazards in a teenager's bedroom. The interactive exhibit includes hundreds of items that when seen through an educated lens, could be a signal that there's a problem.
- **Safety committee recommendations:** Dan Naidicz, director of special education, shared the final recommendations from the Safety Committee. The Safety Committee is a team of education assistants, teachers, related services staff and administrators who have spent the last school year examining data and exploring how Northeast Metro 916 can create safer environments for students and staff.
- **Video - Mental Health Treatment & Education:** Superintendent Connie Hayes shared a video with board members that explains the school district's policy proposals that are currently under consideration in the Minnesota legislature. The proposal aims to offer students embedded mental health and educational programming in the same environment.

The video is not available on the school district website or social media pages, but has been used in member district school board presentations, in a letter-writing campaign to lawmakers, and in the Northeast Metro 916 employee newsletter. In the future, the video will be shared in conversations with partner agencies and during school tours. Northeast Metro 916 school board members may also share the video with their contacts at their home district: <https://nemetro916.wistia.com/medias/iw5cqrvnkg>.

- **Superintendent evaluation:** In preparation for Superintendent Hayes' annual evaluation, school board members were given the appropriate forms and instructions to assess the superintendent's leadership and progress towards goals.

- **Final revisions to FY17 budget:** The school board approved revisions to the district's operating budget. This is the third and final budget revision of the school year.
- **Staffing changes:** The school board voted to approve a series of resolutions related to non-renewal of some probationary teachers and long-term substitutes. Most of these non-renewals are due to a legal obligation that the school district has to teachers who are not yet appropriately licensed. Many of these teachers are on track to become licensed as soon as possible, and they are encouraged to re-apply when the positions are posted.
- **School board policies:** The school board voted to approve revisions to the student discipline policy and the technology responsible use policy, as well as a new social media policy.
- **Retirements and recognitions:** The school board celebrated the retirement of Theresa Waldera, education assistant, and honored her for the 41 years of service she has given to Northeast Metro 916.

You can find the full agenda at: <http://www.nemetro.k12.mn.us/Page/2733>.