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**TO:** Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education

**FROM:** Connie Hayes

**DATE:** March 2, 2017

**RE:** March 1 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

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

- **University of Minnesota Research Project:** Theresa Wallace, Northeast Metro 916, and Brittany Pennington, University of Minnesota, presented on a unique research project which uses teleconsultation to help improve student outcomes. This project is using some elementary classrooms at Northeast Metro 916, as well as a high school setting in a member district.
- **Recruitment and Retention Update:** Equity Director Phyllis Braxton and Staffing Coordinator Megan McAllister presented on strategies being utilized to increase recruitment and retention of staff of color and increase visibility of the employment opportunities at Northeast Metro 916.
- **Staff Retirements:** The school board approved the retirements of six individuals from the teachers' bargaining unit including teachers, a social worker, nurse, and speech pathologist. Their range of experience with the district is from 11 to 24 years. The district will recognize them for their exceptional years of service in April as part of employee recognition month.
- **FY18 Budget Assumptions:** Superintendent Hayes presented the budget assumptions for approval. These assumptions provide a framework for the district administration to begin building the FY 18 budget. As assumptions, the board gives preliminary approval for budgeting with final budget approval taking place later this spring.
- **Locker Contract for Quora Education Center:** No bids for lockers were received during bidding for the project. Quotes were requested from three vendors. The Locker Guy provided the lowest bid at \$82,975. The budget for this item was \$75,000 and the overage will be deducted from the contingency fund.

- **Unrequested Leave:** Due to enrollment decreases, Barbara Young, Special Ed/Early Childhood teacher at the Auditory/Oral program, was approved for proposed placement on .4 FTE unrequested leave. If numbers increase, this action may be reconsidered in the future.

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