



TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Val Rae Boe

DATE: May 12, 2025

RE: May 7 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Knisely-12, Palmer-13, Jones-14, Forsberg-16, Oksnevad-282, Bock-621, Nitardy-622, Clark-623, Daniels-624, Rebelein-831, and Stout-832. Members absent: Dols-833, and Thelander-834.

Calendar Dates:

- Wednesday, May 14, 2025 - Building Tours: South Campus Education Center at 8:30 a.m. and Quora Education Center (Quora Secondary School and Eastview Academy) at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 28, 2025 - WELS North Graduation, 4:30 p.m., at Quora Education Center
- Wednesday, May 28, 2025 - ALC Graduation, 6:00pm, at Century College, Lincoln Mall
- Thursday, May 29, 2025 - Quora Secondary School Graduation, Learning Community 7 at 12:30 p.m., and Learning Communities 3, 4, 5, and 6 at 4:30 p.m. at Quora Education Center
- Thursday, May 29, 2025 - Auditory Oral End of Year Celebration, 5:00 p.m., at Early Childhood Family Center, Stillwater
- Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - South Campus Graduation, 12:30 p.m., at South Campus Education Center
- Wednesday, June 4, 2025 - School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 9, 2025 - 916 Foundation Golf Tournament at Oak Marsh Golf Course, Oakdale

Recognition of Retirements:

- Tom Spehn, Construction Occupations Teacher, has provided the district with 26 years of service. Tom was recognized as a leader in the classroom and across the community. He is best known for building 31 high-quality single-family homes across the East and North metro, most recently through a partnership with the City of North St. Paul.
- Dawn Swanson, Senior Administrative Support Assistant, has provided the school district with 15 years of service. Dawn was recognized for her work across the district in several sites and for several directors. Her laughter and support will be truly missed.
- Pamela Dunbar, Education Assistant, has provided the school district with 46 years of service. Pam was recognized for being a consistent and dedicated presence, embodying the very best of what it means to serve in education. Pam made every child feel seen,

safe, and valued and will be missed and forever remembered with gratitude and admiration.

First Reading of FY26 Budget: Mark Kumlien, executive director of finance, presented the first reading of the proposed FY26 budget to the School Board. Mark highlighted the preliminary financial assumptions, spoke about the debt service levy, and gave an overview of the revenues and expenditures, broken down by fund. Mark ended with information on the district's fund balance which is within policy parameters.

Policies:

- **First Reading of School Board Policy:** Policy 721
- **Adopt Proposed Policy Modifications:** Policies 529, 616, 619, and 624.

Contract Approvals:

- **Approval of Mahtomedi Academy ALC Lease Agreement with Century College:** Northeast Metro 916 has finalized a lease agreement with Century College for the Mahtomedi Academy Area Learning Center (ALC) which recently relocated to the Century College campus. This collaboration with Century College enhances educational opportunities for ALC students by providing access to a collegiate environment and additional resources.
- **Approval of Educational Services Agreement with Spring Lake Park ISD 16:** Northeast Metro 916 provides educational services on behalf of the Spring Lake Park School District for those students who are enrolled at Avant Center residential treatment.
- **Approval of Know the Truth Contract:** Know the Truth provides chemical health in individual and group support to 916 programs including 916 Mahtomedi Academy, East View Academy, Metro Heights Academy, Quora Secondary School and WELS.