

Date: March 30, 2016
To: School Board
From: Dr. Malone
RE: Meeting Notes, April 4, 2016

2 A. Superintendent's Report

- i. I agreed to serve on the superintendent advisory board for Resource Training and Solutions. The 10 superintendents on the board represent the 56 schools and will provide recommendations regarding the programs and operation of RTS. The RTS governing board, comprised of member district school board members, oversees the director and is the legal authority for the organization.

- ii. A high school program review committee has been formed. Members include teachers, administrators, parents (HS & MS), and students. We would like to include a school board member per agenda item 9. The purpose of the committee is to ensure we are offering high quality programming that aligns with the district vision, guarantee career and college readiness for every student, and is articulated for grades 6-12.

The group will examine all aspects of our high school programming. The target date to complete the process is November 2016. Recommendations will be implemented for the 2017-18 school year.

- iii. Advance Placement Biology will be a new elective available to sophomores this fall. College In The Schools: World History will be a new elective available to Juniors and Seniors.

The required Economics course (sophomores, one quarter) currently includes a unit on Money and Banking. "After students complete this unit, they will be able to: create their own personal budget, calculate the risk of borrowing money, understand the importance of credit and the impact of credit ratings, understand factors that influence interest rates, understand the difference between investing in the market and setting up a retirement saving plan, understand the relationship between risk, return, and liquidity when investing, analyze the history of the stock market." The Money and Banking unit will be expanded, beginning this fall, to include personal banking, balancing a checkbook, and related items. The curriculum work to integrate these changes will be completed this spring or early summer.

Preparing self-directed learners to thrive in a changing global community

3. Consent Agenda

D. Personnel: **I recommend approving the personnel items as presented (enclosed).**

E. Policy 706 Acceptance Of Gifts permits the school board to accept donations or gifts under the terms of the policy. **I recommend accepting the gifts as described on the enclosure.**

F. **I recommend approving the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of a probationary teacher.**

G. **I recommend approving the 2017-18 calendar** (enclosed). The calendar committee met and developed the 2017-18 calendar. The committee this year included 7 employees, 2 high school students, 4 parents, 3 principals, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, a school board member, and the superintendent.

- i. The 2017-18 calendar is similar to previous calendars with a winter vacation. The spring break for students is March 26 – April 2.
- ii. Classes for students begin on September 5, 2017 and conclude June 6, 2018.
- iii. The calendar includes 173 student contact days and 9 teacher staff development days to comply with the BEA contract. (Of the 9 staff development days 3 must be designated for parent teacher conferences, open house days, or parent orientation days; three ½ days (1.5) must be designated as grading days at the end of the first, second, and 3rd quarters).
- iv. The calendar includes five early dismissal days for staff professional development.
- v. The 2018 graduation will be Friday, June 1.

I appreciate the good work of the calendar committee to develop a calendar, which meets the needs of various stakeholders throughout the school district.

4. **Joe Prom and I recommend approving the enclosed Revised FY 16 General Fund, Food Service, Community Education, Debt Service Fund Budgets, and Construction Fund Budgets** (enclosed). Action item is page 9.

5. **Joe Prom and I recommend approving the enclosed Preliminary FY 17 General Fund, Food Service, Community Education, Debt Service Fund Budgets, and Construction Fund Budgets** (enclosed). Action item is page 11.

6. A summary of the 2016 stakeholder input is attached. The top ten ideas from the stakeholder groups (employees, parents, students, community members) along with the input from the question “What does the Becker Schools Do Well?” are posted on the website here: <https://sites.google.com/a/isd726.org/beckerschools/home/stakeholder-input#TOC-Staff>

School board members have individually assigned the ideas to exit outcomes. I will

display the individual assignments at the meeting. The school board should agree to the assignments as a group.








7. I recommend that the school board conduct a workshop. The topics to be discussed are:

- A. Examine the viability of providing school district support for unfunded school activities (girls lacrosse, dance, marching band, robotics, hockey)
- B. Share information from January 2016 MSBA Leadership Conference.

A poll completed by the school board members did not identify a date when all school board members are available. Five board members can attend on April 25 or April 27 (below). The board can choose a date in April or conduct another poll for dates in May.

	Tue 19		Thu 21		Mon 25		Tue 26		Wed 27	
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
Bryan					✓	✓	✓			
Jason Kindred			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mark Swanson					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ross Demant			✓					✓	✓	✓
Aaron					✓			✓	✓	✓
Lori					✓	✓			✓	✓
Your name										
	1	1	2	2	5	4	3	4	5	5

8. I recommend setting a date for the June school board meeting as the superintendent will be out of town on June 6. Availability of the school board members is as follows:

		June 2016			
		Tue 7	Wed 8	Thu 9	Mon 13
6 participants		6:30 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM
	Bryan	✓			✓
	Ross Demant		✓	✓	
	Jason Kindred	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Aaron	✓	✓		
	Lori	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mark	✓	✓	✓	
	Your name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		5	5	4	3

9. I recommend appointing a school board member to serve on the high school program review committee. Meetings are scheduled for April 5, May 3, June 7, September 13, October 4, and November 1 at 3:30 p.m. The group will also conduct a summer meeting with the date and time tba.