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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Administrative Reports
 Contact(s):
 Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action
 Board information or scheduled report

Background Information

Request to reopen contract with the Cooks Association	The Cooks Association requested to reopen its agreement with the school district for the current school year.
Mediation session with Custodial Association	The Custodial Association requested mediation, which is scheduled for December 2 nd .
Charter school	As part of their due diligence, two representatives of a potential charter school contacted me to share their tentative plans moving forward. The school's authorizer accepted the school's application for a charter school opening in July, 2022. Initial plans include grades K-6 with possible plans to expand in the future.
Proposals for RWHS land lease	The district received two proposals for the potential lease of about 10 acres of land at RWHS. The Operations Committee and/or School Board will review and possibly select one of the proposals.
In-Person or Hybrid school board meetings	We have two options for conducting hybrid board meetings...one using an OWL that tracks participant voices and broadcasts them and one that relies on participants using Chromebooks and headsets to communicate.
E-Learning Plan	An E-Learning plan will be submitted to the State prior to the 2021-22 school year.

Applications for educational benefits	<p>According to the last submission to the Minnesota Department of Education, we have 168 fewer families who qualify for educational benefits this year compared to last year. The resulting loss of revenue is about \$460,000.</p> <p>Brent suggested using secretaries and paraprofessionals during Distance Learning to call all families to remind them to apply.</p>
Survey of families open enrolling students out of the district	Dawn Wettern is leading the effort to survey families who are open-enrolling out of the district.
Structure of finance office	<p>During a 1:1 meeting, a board member suggested replacing our current Business Manager with a Finance Employee (who would not supervise district employees). I will add this as an option as we develop the Human Resources Plan.</p> <p>At the board member's request, I contacted School Management Services to see if the non-compete clause for our current Business Manager could be eliminated, but the owner indicated that is not an option.</p>
School Board candidate engagement	Multiple board members have expressed a desire to engage school board candidates in our decision-making processes.
Transportation costs during Distance Learning	Sara Houle will prepare a recommendation for payment of First Student during Distance Learning. This is scheduled to move through the Operations Committee.
COVID rates	On November 16 th , county representatives reported a COVID rate of 64.69 for October 18 th -31 st , 86 for October 25 th -November 7 th , and 114.86 for November 1 st -14 th . During the last two-week period, 187 of the cases were from Red Wing with 29 of them school-age kids (including 18 & 19 year old children).
Wonders 2020 for 6 th grade	<p>At an earlier meeting, a board member asked about why Wonders 2020 is not used in 6th grade. Based on earlier conversations and the work of 6th grade English-Language Arts teachers had done, the district elected to move forward with a teacher-created curriculum that was standards based. The discussion was also based on an assumption that 6th grade would revert back to three teachers instead of 8, so it might not be the best use of funds.</p> <p>The price to purchase Wonders 2020 curriculum for all 6th graders is about \$45,000 plus shipping and handling.</p>

Recommendation

None at this time.