

Date: January 7, 2013
To: School Board
From: Dr. Malone
RE: Meeting Notes, January 7, 2013

The stakeholder input session will begin at 5:30 p.m. Ninety invitations were mailed to parents. School board members telephoned the parents to encourage attendance.

Parents will be divided into groups for pizza and conversation with school board members at each table. School board members are asked to lead the discussion and solicit input from the parents on the following topics:

- What should students know and be able to do so they can thrive in our changing global community?
- What do you expect from the Becker School District?
- What should the Becker School District be like in ten years?
- Under what circumstances (if any) would you provide additional financial support to the Becker School District?

At approximately 6:00 p.m. each table will summarize their conversation for the large group. Then the opportunity for large group discussion will be offered. The district secretary will record the input.

The school board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., following the discussion with parents.

1. Election Of Officers

D. The MSBA publication The First Monday In January: Everything you need to know for your board's organizational meeting is enclosed. A procedure for Election of Officers begins on page 3.

MSBA's interpretation of MS 123B.14 Subd. 1 is found on page 1. "If the most recently selected chair (the person elected chair last year) is still on the board, that board member should call the meeting to order and run the meeting until his or her successor is selected and qualifies." Accordingly, Aaron Jurek will preside until another chairperson is selected. Or (p. 6) "If a vice chair is elected before the chair, the newly elected vice chair will then preside until the deadlock for chair

is broken.”

2. Appointment of Officers and Representatives. The 2012 committees and representatives are enclosed.

3. A. Superintendent’s Report

i. School board members are registered for the MSBA Conference Thursday, January 17th and Friday, January 18th. I will coordinate transportation plans early next week.

ii. Becker High School has been selected as an Apple Distinguished School for the 2012-2013 school year. The award letter notes that “Your school will join 87 schools that Apple is recognizing nationwide as exemplary learning environments and centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence. The administration and faculty at Becker High School have exhibited the five best practices of an Apple Distinguished School: visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching, ongoing professional learning, compelling evidence of success, and a flexible learning environment.” Three Apple Distinguished School awards were issued in Minnesota this year: BHS, Benilde-St. Margaret (St Louis Park), and Heritage MS (West St. Paul). Apple will make a presentation at an upcoming school board meeting.

iii. I am deeply saddened about the school shooting last month at The Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. The event is a stark reminder of the importance of our safety and security procedures in place throughout the Becker School District Campus. The safety of our students is always the top priority in our District. Accordingly, we are investigating facility modifications which would further secure our school buildings.

We have crisis teams and plans in place at each of our schools to handle emergency situations. Lockdown drills are conducted on a regular basis.

iv. The enclosed Personnel Report will be in future school board member information in lieu of the individual Hiring Recommendation forms. The Personnel Report is more succinct and provides additional information relative to board personnel actions. The Hiring Recommendation forms will continue to be used internally.

- v. Joe Prom and I will present the revised fiscal year '13 budget along with preliminary fiscal '14 budget next month. I will also present a budget reduction process plan.

4. Consent Agenda

D. I recommend approving the following resignations:

- i. Jeff Zimmer – JV Baseball Coach

E. I recommend approving the following contracts:

- i. Angela Oswald, Administrative Assistant To The Superintendent, \$57,000 (pro rated \$29,815, 12-21-12 to 6-30-13).
- ii. Dan Olson, Head Speech Coach, \$3,362
- iii. Nick Crowley, Asst. Speech Coach, \$935
- iv. Abigail Salmon, MS Tech Director, \$1,856
- v. Dave Braun, District Groundskeeper, \$24.09 per hour
- vi. Heather Olson, Paraprofessional, 3.5 hrs daily, \$11.29 per hr
- vii. Tyler Niedfeldt, MS/HS Phy Ed Teacher, Step 1, BS, 0.42 FTE, (9:30-3:00 p.m. 3rd quarter and 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. 4th quarter)
- viii. Anthony Miller, 8th Boys Basketball Coach, \$2,036
- ix. Bill Thoma, Night Lead Custodian MS,
- x. Ruth Arrigoni, Cashier, 1 hour per day, \$13.45 per hour

F. I recommend approving the following board credit classes, which comply with the guidelines under Article XI, Section III of the Agreement between ISD #726 and the BEA. Course descriptions are enclosed.

- I. Collaboration for Student Learning
- II. Formative Assessment With Socrative
- III. Creating Digital Content for Learning

G. I recommend approving the Annual Agenda (enclosed).

H. Joe Prom and I recommend continuing with Sherburne State Bank, STARCOR Credit Union, Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund, and PMA/MN Trust as District Depositories for 2012.

I. Joe Prom and I recommend continuing with Kern DeWenter Viere, LTD as the district auditors for FY 13.

- J. **I recommend continuing with Kennedy & Graven as the school district's Legal Counsel.**
- K. **I recommend continuing with the Sherburne County Citizen as the official district newspaper.**
- L. **I recommend establishing the regular board meeting date as the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. with the following exceptions:**
- **February 4th, 2:00 p.m. stakeholder input meeting with high school students, 3:00 p.m. board meeting, location in the high school auditorium.**
 - **March 4th, 5:30 p.m. stakeholder input meeting with staff members, 6:30 p.m. board meeting.**
 - **April 8th, 5:30 p.m. stakeholder input meeting with community members, 6:30 p.m. board meeting.**
 - **September 9th (September 3rd is a holiday)**
 - **October 14th (Supt at MASA Conference October 7)**
- M. **I recommend establishing conducting a school board workshop on Thursday January 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the Minneapolis Convention Center.** The workshop is for the school board to review construction plans developed to date. Members of the project architect's team and construction manager's team will also be present.
5. **I recommend approving Policy 533 Wellness.** The first reading of Policy 533 Wellness was conducted last month. The policy contains the revisions developed by MSBA Policy Service's Council of School Attorneys in 2010.

The updated policy reflects MS 121A.215 and 42 U.S.C. 1758b, which both became law in 2010. The revised policy does not reflect the PL 111-296, also known as the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which was adopted in December of 2010.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has convened an interagency workgroup including the US Department of Education, Health and Human Services, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The USDA FNS will publish a final rule in the fall of 2013, which will provide additional regulations for public school food service programs including a

model wellness policy.

The final rule by USDA FNS, reflecting PL 111-296, will require public schools to comply with the model wellness policy and show progress toward obtaining it's goals. I expect the MSBA Policy Service's Council of School Attorneys to update Policy 533 Wellness after the USDA FNS publishes their final rule in 2013.

Enclosures:

- 5-year Technical Assistance and Guidance Plan for Local School Wellness Policies (2010, drafted by USDA FNS, US DOE, and DHHS' CDC)
- Nutrition Standards For Foods In Schools (2009, published by CDC)

Given the additional stricter requirements to be imposed on school districts in 2013, it would not be prudent to approve a Wellness Policy less stringent than the 2010 MSBA Model Policy. To do so would be disruptive and confusing to students, staff, parents, and community members when we are required to comply with PL 111-296 in approximately 18 months.

6. Joe Prom and I recommend approving the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$23,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2013A

It is expected on Thursday, January 31, 2013 Northland Securities Inc. will bring the bond issue to market for a negotiated sale. This resolution authorizes the Board Chair and Superintendent or the Business Manager to sign the bond purchase agreement to complete the negotiated transaction. On Monday, February 4, 2013, (assuming reasonable bid rates) the School Board will be asked to pass a resolution ratifying the awarding of the sale of the bond issue.