

Work Session

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:00 PM

Waconia Public Schools - District Office - Conf Rm A, 512 Industrial Blvd.,
Waconia, MN 55387

1. **WEA Listening Hour Notes**

2. **Present MSBA Conference Findings**

3. **Superintendent Updates**

Presenter: Brian
Gersich,
Superintendent

3.A. Board Member Site Visits - Updated Memorandum



Respect - Collaboration - Inclusiveness - Empathy - Resilience

MEMORANDUM

TO: ISD 110 School Board

FROM: Brian Gersich, Superintendent

DATE: October 10, 2022 (revised January 17, 2023)

RE: School Board Member Site Visits

Board Handbook has language related to site visits. The purpose of this schedule is to help create structure and planning around building visits to ensure each of our educational sites is visited by a member of the school board over the course of the school year. By visiting our buildings during the school day, board members can gain an additional understanding of the education process, while also creating a level of exposure to the amazing teachers, students, and support staff we have in our district. This additional perspective supports the Board as it makes decisions related to the priorities of our district.

As noted in the handbook, “Board members must take care to separate their parent/volunteer roles from their roles as Board members.” To support that separation, the proposal is to have Board members visit specific sites each year, partially assigned so as to mitigate how often board members would visit a site already attended by their children. That is to say, there is an assumption that a Board member already visits that site as a parent. Therefore these visits would ensure you have just a single role, that of a Board member.

As such, and also as outlined in the Board Handbook, “Board members must remember that they do not serve in an administrative role and should not attempt to direct, criticize, discipline, or disrupt the work of staff members.”

Goal: over the course of the fall (and spring if desired) schedule a visit to the site.

To do so: email the principal of the site and CC the superintendent to schedule the visit, preferably about 1 hour. As you prepare, please consider what information might be helpful to learn about the site, and keep in mind the perspectives of the board to observe our system from “10,000 feet”.

Proposed Revised Site Assignments:

Site	Principal / Contact	Board Member
Bayview	Ann Swanson	J. Bergstrom
Laketown	Keith Baune	D. Geller
Southview	Dr. Khuzana DeVaan	A. Myers
Waconia Middle School	Shane Clausen	L. DeBoer
Waconia High School	Paul Sparby	M. Hagen
Waconia Alternative Learning	Tim Koschinska	K. Amott
Waconia PK (District Office)	Steve Jensen	K. Kelzer-Breeden

3.B. WREAP Timeline

4. **Committee Assignments for 2023**

5. **Board Members and Superintendent 2:1 Quarterly Meetings**