

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #832  
STUDY SESSION – BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Thursday, October 23, 2008 - 7:00 PM  
Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room

The Mission of the Mahtomedi School District No. 832, as a multi-community public school system, is to provide individually challenging, lifelong learning experiences for all people, leading to productive and self-fulfilling roles in a global society, accomplished through partnerships with students, families, staff and communities all committed to excellence.

**- AGENDA -**

1. CALL TO ORDER 2
2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE
3. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS
  - A. Update on Mahtomedi Engineering Leadership Program  
Presenter: Denise Waalen and Kathe Nickleby
  - B. Hear Report on Facility Planning  
Presenter: Denise Sundstrom and JCI Team
  - C. Review Process/Information on Instructional Delivery Committee  
Presenter: Steve Wolgamot and Mark Wolak
  - D. Discuss Process for School Board Vision/Team Development  
(January/February 2009)  
Presenter: Steve Wolgamot and Mark Wolak
4. ADJOURNMENT
5. School Board Personnel Committee Meeting
  - A. Discuss Personnel Matter



**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**  
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NOTE: I invited Matt Dean to address the school board but he has not confirmed as of today. If he confirms, we will give him time at the beginning of the dinner session to share comments.

**DINNER SESSION AT 5:45 PM**

1. Report from Integration Task Force Leaders (EMID Partnership) - Denise Waalen and Lynne Viker will provide an update on the task force process. Kevin Donovan is a member of this team and can provide his views as well. We see strong potential with the development of an integration plan with North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale. Mounds View Schools is also committed to join this partnership if created.
2. Report on School Enrollment - Denise Sundstrom will share information about enrollment as of October 1. We have 80 more students than projected (March 2008) of which 74 are resident students returning from private schools or new families to the school district. Most of the new students enrolled in grades K-5. A summary page is enclosed with school board materials.
3. Review of Annual Report - Denise Waalen will share the contents of the annual report with you to gain your ideas and feedback prior to school board action in November.

**STUDY SESSION AT 7:00 PM**

**3. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Update on Mahtomedi Engineering Leadership Program - Denise Waalen and Kathe Nickleby will share progress on curriculum planning and teacher activities related to our goals/strategies this year.
- B. Hear Report on Facility Planning - The school board facilities committee (Steve Wolgamot, John Belisle, and Cathy Dalton) met twice with administration, JCI, and Chuck Corliss to develop options for presentation to the School Board and Citizen Facility Committee. You will hear background on the two options for the future and discuss the solutions in more depth.

**Option #1 – Replace Wildwood School (Early Childhood to Grade 2) with the space for future expansion (450 to 625 students).**

**Option #2 – Replace Wildwood and OH Anderson Schools with a new Early Childhood to Grade 5 facility.**

What we learned so far in this process:

- 1) The district facility plan will address operational efficiency as well as improve facilities for instructional effectiveness and educational adequacy.
- 2) The new facility will be placed on the land east of the high school and middle school complex.
- 3) It is cost effective to construct a new facility to accommodate a number of open enrollment students to off-set district costs and reduce the likelihood of increased local taxes.
- 4) Additional from the team...

The Citizen Facility Group meets this evening and we will collect their individual and shared views of the two options.

- C. Review Process/Information on Instructional Delivery at the Middle School and High School - After the Data Retreat on Friday of this week, we will begin a conversation with administration and teachers on the utilization of teachers in the middle school and high school in anticipation of the need for additional spending reductions for 2009-2010. The committee includes Steve Wolgamot, middle school and high school administration, teacher representatives, guidance counselors and district administration. We will discuss the process and timelines with you.
- D. Discuss Process for School Board Vision/Team Development - At least one new school board member will be seated in January. Based on prior board dialogue, I am recommending we begin a process of vision and mission review in January. We will discuss an approach and timeline to achieve this goal.

5. School Board Personnel Committee

- A. I have an update on a personnel matter that we expect will come to the School Board for action in November.