

District Status Report

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The purpose for the weekly Status Report is to communicate to members of the School Board important and meaningful information relevant to the business of the school district. The Report is available to the public on the school district's website. Please contact me at 417-2602 if you have any questions regarding information contained in the Status Report. I would also appreciate hearing from you on ways I can improve the Report and make it more meaningful and informative for you.

Dale

Our Mission

**Empowering students with
knowledge and skills to succeed.**

Our Vision

**To be the school district of choice, inspiring
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.**

THE NEXT STATUS REPORT WILL BE FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Politics: Session opens with a number of unresolved issues

Politics: Gov. Dayton proposes \$1.5 billion bonding bill

Politics: Senate schedules confirmation hearing for Betsy DeVos, President-elect Trump's pick for education secretary

Politics: Virginia lawmaker proposes "bathroom bill" to restrict public bathroom use by transgender people

Planning: NHREG focuses on strategic plan (Thank you Mr. Anderson & Mr. Bunn for contributing to the article.)

Politics: MSBA supports Gov. Dayton's tax reduction plan for Minnesota farmers with goal of helping schools

Politics: Dayton unveils tax plan

2. 1-17-17 School Board Meeting Preview – A few items to bring attention to . . .

a. Workforce Items

- **Superintendent Mid-Year Performance Review Report** – The Board Chair will provide a summary report of the Superintendent's mid-year performance review that was initially reported out at the January 4, 2017 special School Board meeting. There were clarifying questions for the Board Chair to review and report back to the Board at the January 17 School Board Meeting
- **Board Member Substituting and/or Coaching** – Information will be presented to the Board pertaining to policy and statute involving the employment of Board members. The Board may wish to have discussion and offer direction as to expectations of Board members who may wish to substitute and/or coach.

b. Facility Items

- **Facility Assessment Proposal** – The Building and Grounds Committee intends to present a recommendation in moving forward with a facility assessment. The Committee plans to meet in advance of the Board meeting at 5:30 pm to finalize the recommendation.

c. Dale's Report – As part of my report, I will share thoughts regarding the potential of including Public Comment as part of the regular Board meeting agenda. I may also introduce the concept of a Consent Agenda. I will appreciate feedback from the Board as to the possibility of implementing both as part of future agendas.

A special note to make regarding the January 17 School Board meeting is for Board members to come prepared to have their photo taken for the district website. We will take individual pictures for new board members and any returning board members who wish to have a new photo, along with a photo of the School Board.

3. School Board Officer Positions – As part of the Organizational Meeting, the following officer positions were finalized.

Chair	–	Rick Schultz
Vice-Chair	-	JoAnn Maloney
Clerk	-	Karen Flatness
Treasurer	-	Travis Routh

4. **MSBA Officer Workshop** – MSBA is offering a workshop for new school board officers. The closest workshop is on Friday, February 17, in Rochester from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. You can find out more information at www.mnmsba.org. Let Sue Kulseth or me know if you are interested in attending.
5. **School Board Committee Assignments** – As part of the Organizational Meeting, the following committee assignments were assigned.

Finance Committee

Karen Flatness, JoAnn Maloney, Travis Routh

Policy Committee

JoAnn Maloney, Dan Schmidt, Rick Schultz

Building and Grounds Committee

Travis Routh, Neil Schlaak, Rick Schultz

Transportation Committee

Karen Flatness, Neil Schlaak, Mark Tollefson

School Activities Committee

Travis Routh, Dan Schmidt, Mark Tollefson

Negotiations with the Paraprofessionals Union

JoAnn Maloney, Travis Routh, Dan Schmidt

Negotiations with the AFSCME Union

Karen Flatness, Neil Schlaak, Rick Schultz

Negotiations with the Certified Staff

JoAnn Maloney, Neil Schlaak, Mark Tollefson

6. **MSBA Negotiation Seminars** – MSBA will be offering member districts full-day Negotiations Seminars to help boards prepare for the negotiations process. Below are three locations I saw that are the closest to us. Notice that there is only one seminar offered on a Saturday. Please let me know if you are interested in attending a seminar. You can read more at www.mnmsba.org/NegotiationsSeminars.
- February 9 (Thursday) — Mankato | Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Premier Drive
REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 1
 - February 10 (Friday) — Rochester | Wood Lake Meeting Center, 210 Woodlake Drive
REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 1
 - March 11 (Saturday) — St. Peter | Minnesota School Boards Association, 1900 West Jefferson Ave.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MARCH 7
7. **MSBA Annual Leadership Conference** – The 96th Annual Leadership Conference of the Minnesota School Boards Association will be held January 12-13, 2017, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The Conference concludes at noon on Friday, January 13. I will be leaving on Tuesday, January 10 as I will be attending the Phase II training with Dan Schmidt beginning in the morning of Wednesday, January 11. Room reservations have been finalized. There has been some interest expressed for those who are arriving Wednesday meeting to meet for a short check-in to plan for Thursday. I will plan to utilize text messaging to communicate with Board members. Please contact Sue Kulseth or me with questions.

- 8. Eide Baily School District Budget Workshop** – Karla Christopherson and I will be attending the annual budget workshop sponsored by our auditing firm Eide Baily on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us.
- 9. Board Member Quarterly Check-ins with Dale** -- Sue Kulseth will be contacting you to set a time to meet with me during the week of January 23. Let Sue know if the dates and times identified do not work for you and we will find a time that does. Please plan for 30-60 minutes. Possible dates and times include:
 Monday, January 23, between 4:00 and 7:00 pm
 Tuesday, January 24, between 5:00 and 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, January 25, between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm
 Thursday, January 26, between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm
- 10. Meet and Confer Session** – The administrative team will be participating in a Meet and Confer session with representatives of the Teacher Association on Tuesday, January 17. Talking points to discuss include:
- 30 minute duty free lunch
 - Classroom temperature
 - Summer access to classrooms – communication
 - Special Education teacher schedules and assignments inc. planning time
 - Evacuation plan for closing of one building
- 11. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Planned** – The Committee plans to meet at 5:30 pm in advance of the School Board meeting on Tuesday, January 17. The meeting will be held at the Elementary School. The purpose of the meeting will be to review proposals received for conducting a facility assessment in hopes of making a recommendation to the Board at the School Board meeting that same evening.
- 12. School Board Work Session** – It is time for the School Board to hold a work session to review progress being made in achieving the goals and objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. Potential dates include Monday, January 30; Tuesday, February 1; Monday, February 6; or Wednesday, February 8. The work session would begin at 5:30 pm in the Board Room at the Secondary School. A light dinner would be provided. Sue Kulseth will be contacting you to see what dates would work best for you.

School Board Calendar of Events

January 12-13, 2017		MSBA Leadership Conference – Minneapolis Convention Center ** Phase 2 Training – Wednesday, January 11 from 8:45 am – 4pm
January 17, 2017	Tuesday 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – Elementary School Regular School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
February 9, 2017	8:30 am	MSBA Negotiations Seminar – Mankato
February 10, 2017	8:30 am	MSBA Negotiations Seminar – Rochester
February 17, 2017	8:30 am	MSBA Board Officer Workshop – Rochester
February 20, 2017		NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF
February 21, 2017	Tuesday 6:30 pm	Regular School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
March 11, 2017	8:30 am	MSBA Negotiations Seminar – St. Peter

Dale's Calendar for January 9 - 20 (As of 1-6-17)

Week of January 9

Monday	8:00 am	Teacher Inservice (2 hour late start for students)
	10:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting (10:30 with Terri E.)
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	10:30 am	Meeting with staff member Out of District in PM attending School Board Leadership Conference
Wednesday		Out of District attending School Board Leadership Conference
Thursday		Out of District attending School Board Leadership Conference
Friday		Out of District attending School Board Leadership Conference

Week of January 16

Monday	9:30 am	Check in with Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Terri E.
	11:30 am	Monthly Superintendent Lunch Meeting
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	8:30 am	Region Superintendent Meeting
	3:30 pm	Meet and Confer with Teacher Association
	5:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am	Eide Baily Budget Seminar
Thursday	9:00 am	Meeting with Karla – Budget Development Planning
Friday	7:45 am	Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair
	9:30 am	Meeting with Corrine

Thank you for all you do!