

# *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.

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## 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.**

### School Board Recognition Week – February 20 – 24, 2017

We join public schools across Minnesota in recognizing and celebrating school board members for their service to their community and for their leadership in providing a quality education to students. Thank you to our current and past school board members for being champions of public education! We appreciate all that you do!

#### 1. News From Around the State and Beyond

[Red Wing: Rural schools lead Minnesota teacher shortage](#)

[Teaching: More than 25 percent of teachers leave the classroom after three years](#)

[Teaching: A snapshot of Minnesota's teacher shortage](#)

[Politics: Betsy DeVos stokes Minnesota's debate over school choice](#)

[Politics: Trump administration signals change in policy for transgender students](#)

[Personnel: New Ulm School District, like rest of state, struggles to find teachers](#)

[Column: The false promises of school vouchers and tax credits](#)

[Politics: School choice debate heats up over K-12 tax credit proposal](#)

#### 2. 2-21-17 School Board Meeting – A few items to bring attention to . . .

- a. [Teaching and Learning Feature](#) -- Business and Personal Law Class
- b. [Workforce Items](#)
  - **Hiring Recommendations and Retirement Notice** – Administration will have recommendations to employ two individuals at the Elementary School. In addition, the Board will be asked to approve the retirement /resignation letter for LaDona Flowers.
  - **Spring Coaching Contracts** – Coaching contracts will be presented for consideration of approval.
- c. [Facility Items](#)
  - **Lease Agreement** – The Building and Grounds Committee will forward a recommendation to the Board to approve a lease agreement with the City of New Richland for the continued use of Legion Field.
  - **Maintenance Contract for Legion Field** – The Building and Grounds Committee will forward a recommendation to contract maintenance services with Berg Lawn Care and Schrader Enterprises for the maintenance of the baseball and north softball fields from March 1 to June 1, 2017.
- d. [Make-up Recommendations for January 25](#) – The Board can anticipate as many as three different motions related to rescheduling of school for January 25 and also plans in the event we experience further cancellations yet this school year. Specific motions may include: 1) approval of an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that allows the District to schedule fewer than 174 student contact days and fewer than 186 teacher duty days; 2) approval of waiving January 25 cancelled day for students to make-up and schedule an additional teacher duty day for June 12 or another day to be agreed upon with the principal; and 3) approval of extending the length of both the student and teacher day for any further cancelled days yet this year, which would be in lieu of adding further days at the end of year.

- e. Closed Session – The Board will consider meeting in closed session to discuss negotiations strategy in preparation for beginning negotiations with both the Teacher Association and Paraprofessional Association.
3. **Building and Grounds Committee** -- The Building and Grounds Committee met on Monday, February 13 at 5:00 pm prior to a 6:00 pm joint meeting with the City of New Richland City Council. The purpose of both meetings was to review a draft of a Lease Agreement between the City and District pertaining to the use and maintenance of the Legion ball fields. As part of the lease agreement, a change being proposed by the District would be for the District to take responsibility for all maintenance of the playing surfaces (inside the fenced areas) from March 1 to June 1. The City Council approved the Lease Agreement. The Board will be asked to consider approving the Agreement as well as approving contracts to maintain the ball fields.
4. **Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee plans to meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 5:15 pm in the Board Room prior to the 6:30 pm School Board meeting. The tentative agenda will include review of policy revisions for Fund Balance (714), Budget Adoption (701), and Uniform Grant Guidance (721). Ms. Christopherson and I will also plan to share a working draft of a budget development calendar to be recommended for adoption by the Board. We will also plan to review the Strategic Plan Finance objectives.
5. **Policy Committee** – The Policy Committee plans to meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room. The tentative agenda will include review of policy revisions for Consent Agenda (203.6) and Public Comment (206).
6. **Community Night Out** -- The annual Community Night Out Live and Silent Auction sponsored by the NRHEG Parent Teacher Organization is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017, to be held at Wedgewood Cove in Albert Lea. The Community Night Out event fundraises for the purpose of contributing to the life of the School District in various ways with a primary focus on students. Participation at the event as well as donations are appreciated.

## School Board Calendar of Events

February 20, 2017		NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF
February 21, 2017	<b>Tuesday</b> 5:15 pm 6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room Regular School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
February 28, 2017	5:30 pm	Policy Committee Meeting – Board Room
March 6, 2017	5:30 pm	Paraprofessional Association Negotiations Meeting – Board Room
March 11, 2017	8:30 am	MSBA Negotiations Seminar – St. Peter
March 20, 2017	6:30 pm	Regular School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
March 30 & 31		No School for Students – Teacher Inservice and Planning

## Dale's Calendar for February 20 – 24 (As of 2-17-17)

Monday	7:00 pm	Office Closed – President's Day BBB
Tuesday	7:30 am	Check in with Karla
	8:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting
	1:30 pm	Check in with Deb
	2:00 pm	Meeting with Dan and Dave
	3:30 pm	Parent Meeting – Ellendale
	5:15 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting
Wednesday		Out of District
Thursday		Out of District -- Tentative
Friday	9:00 am	Meeting with Doug

**Thank you for all you do!**