

District Status Report

23 June 2017

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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.**

Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Commentary: [The barriers to hiring good teachers have been removed](#)

Funding: [Minnesota schools are getting \\$483 million in new funding. Why are so many still tightening belts?](#)

Class rankings: [The end of the valedictorian? Schools rethink class rankings](#)

Curriculum: [Schools debate teaching climate change](#)

2. 6-19-17 School Board Meeting Follow-up

- **School Finances and Financial Planning Model** – Mr. Schmidt asked about the maintenance options as part of the proposal. I contacted School Finances and was reminded that since we have purchased the model over 3 years, the annual payment includes maintenance. The options come into effect after the three years and if we want to continue having School Finances “maintain” the system.

School Finances is in the process of updating the Financial Planning Model for 2017-2018 following the legislative session. The update will be ready by late August at which time some of us will be scheduled for training.

- **Extended Leave Request** – During the Board's discussion Monday night regarding the Extended Leave of Absence request, I provided responses to questions asked of me at the time. One response given was in error that pertained to "seniority rights" of the teacher and if the teacher would be earning "years of experience" while on leave? I responded that the teacher would not be earning years of experience pertaining to seniority and to the teacher salary schedule. The first part of this response was incorrect, but the second part referencing the salary schedule was correct. The three years of extended leave will not impact the teacher's hiring date and the teacher "shall retain seniority and continuing contract rights in the employing district as though the teacher had been teaching in the district during the period of the extended leave." However, this does not mean the teacher is able to claim the three years for experience to be reflected on the salary schedule.
- **Ellendale Softball Parking and Access Project** – I spoke with Mr. Dobberstein following Board approval of his submitted quote regarding the timing of the project. He will be in contact with me in the coming weeks once he has had an opportunity to confirm materials.

3. Board Work Session: The Board work session is planned for Wednesday, July 12, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Board Room. A light dinner will be provided. The agenda will include:

- Superintendent work goals for 2018-2019
- Revisions to superintendent evaluation tool
- Introduction to the MSBA School Board Evaluation tool
- Strategic Plan review

School Board Calendar of Events

July 12, 2017	5:30 pm	School Board Work Session – Secondary School
July 17, 2017	6:30 pm	Regular School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
August 21, 2017	6:30 pm	Regular School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
August 28, 2017	8:00 am	Welcome Breakfast – Elementary School Cafeteria
September 5, 2017		First Day for Students

Dale's Calendar for June 26 - 30 (As of 6-23-17)

Monday		Out of the District
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Phone Interview
	8:30 pm	Phone Interview
Wednesday	9:00 am	Principal Evaluation
	11:00 am	Principal Evaluation
Thursday		Out of Office
Friday		Out of Office

Thank you for all you do!