

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.**

Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Funding: As schools struggle with costs, special education takes a toll
Vast majority of teachers spend their own money on school supplies
Rising share of primary schools have sworn officers on the premises
'Telling, not selling' your school's story

2. **Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of **Wednesday, May 30, at 2:30 pm** in the Secondary School Commons where all staff will gather to celebrate those achieving significant milestones in their service to the school district and to education. We will also be recognizing staff members who are retiring from the school district.

3. **Quarterly Check-ins with Dale** – I look forward to meeting with each of you in the next week or two at our quarterly check-in. If for some reason you have not yet scheduled a time with Sue Kulseth or if you need to reschedule, please contact Sue.

4. **Graduation Plans** – Travis Routh and Karen Flatness will be assisting with diplomas at commencement on Sunday, June 3, at 2:00 pm.

5. **Building and Grounds Committee to Meet** – The Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on Monday, May 21, prior to the start of the School Board meeting. The agenda includes:

- Tree removal decision from Secondary School garden area
- Discussion about future property purchases in the school district
- Facility Planning Task Force Update
- Placement of sign on school property in Ellendale
- Landscaping project at front entrance of Secondary School

6. **Finance Committee to Meet** – The Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 6, beginning at 5:30 in the Board Room. The agenda includes:

- Review Budget Development Calendar for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020
- Review 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget
- Examine Board Goal for Superintendent which is to: *share progress made in integrating the finance committee into budget development process with the purpose of annually planning and managing revenue and expenditure budgets that meet or exceed the fund balance goal (Strategic Plan Finance Focus Area - Objective 1C).*
- Examine/identify assumptions for 3 year forecast model

7. **Facility Planning Task Force Update** – The first two meetings have focused on providing the task force with a great deal of information beginning with a historical perspective of the Board's actions taken since the unsuccessful 2015 referendum. The focus of the second meeting was to provide information on the priority areas as determined by the Board with a primary focus on educational programming as well as safety.

Due to feedback received from a number of members at the second meeting, we are modifying our meeting plans and will be incorporating tours of each building on May 30. The evening will begin at the Elementary School at 6:30 pm with a presentation on programming areas (Secondary science rooms and fitness areas) as well as information on the egress issues with our Secondary locker room. We will then tour the Elementary School followed by traveling to the Secondary School for a tour before ending the evening. We are working on providing transportation for task force members that evening back and forth between sites.

Due to adding a meeting to focus on building tours, we will need to add a meeting for the task force most likely in July. Meeting #4 is planned for June 25 and will focus on having the task force prioritize or rank the program areas and other facility needs that have been presented. ISG will have cost estimates for that evening as well. For meeting #5 to be scheduled in July, the task force will be charged to assist in developing the community survey priority areas that will then be given to School Perceptions to finalize the survey. It is undetermined at this point when the survey will be ready to be administered but hopefully sometime in September. This would allow time for the task force to meet in early October to analyze results in order to make recommendations to the Board (perhaps at the October regular meeting or special work session) as it would need to make final decisions by November if there is interest in going to referendum in February.

The feedback received from the members following the two meetings has been overall very positive. A common theme has been that there is a great deal of information and some degree of feeling overwhelmed. This is another reason for adding another meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions.

- 8. FFA Awards Banquet** – I had the pleasure of attending the FFA banquet on Wednesday of this week and even given the opportunity to offer a welcome and a few comments. It was a wonderful evening! Thank you to advisor Dan Sorum and congratulations to our student FFA members for their outstanding accomplishments.

School Board Calendar of Events

May 20, 2018	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate
May 21, 2018	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – Elementary School School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
May 30, 2018	2:30 pm 6:30 pm	Years of Service & Retirement Recognition – Secondary School Task Force Meeting #3 – Elementary Media Center
June 3, 2018	2:00 pm	Commencement 2018 – Secondary School Gymnasium
June 6, 2018	5:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room
June 18, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for May 21 – 25 (As of 5-18-18)

Monday	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
	5:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Budget Planning with Karla
	1:00 pm	May 31 Staff Development Planning with Dave, Doug, and Terri
	2:30 pm	Check in with Doug and Dave
	3:30 pm	Monthly check in with Paraprofessional Leadership

Wednesday	8:30 am	Awards Ceremony
	9:30 am	Commissioner's Dialogue with Superintendents
	10:00 am	Board member quarterly check in
	1:00 pm	Website Development update with Sue
	6:00 pm	Board member quarterly check in
	7:00 pm	Board member quarterly check in
Thursday	7:30 am	Board meeting agenda planning with Board chair / Quarterly check in
	11:00 am	Board member quarterly check in
Friday		Out of the District

Thank you for all you do!