

Superintendent Report

School Board Meeting
November 19, 2018

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 Superintendent Report summarizes the communication with the Board of Education (BOE) throughout the month including the weekly District Status Report. In addition, the Report includes the building administrator reports as well as other information believed to be beneficial to the work of the BOE and school district. Detailed information for the items listed under the District Status Report Summary can be found within each weekly Status Report from the District's website. I appreciate feedback as to how we can improve the report. Thank you.

1. Weekly District Status Report Summary from October 12, 17, 26 and November 2 & 9

A. Information, Communication, and Correspondence

- **News from Around the State and Beyond**
 - Music education can have tremendous payoff despite high costs
 - Surveys consider effects of student engagement
 - Study: Team sports are good for mental health
 - Five ways of engaging parents in their kids' education
- **School Board Candidate Forum**
- **2019 MSBA Leadership Conference**
- **School Board Work Session Planned**
- **Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Planned**
- **Fall Athletic Awards Ceremony**
- **Unpaid Leave Request Process**
- **November 19 School Board Meeting Time Changed**
- **Handicap Parking at Secondary School**

2. Board & Administrator for Board Members Monthly Publication – September 2018 Reflection - I

have provided a brief reflection on a few of the articles from the September publication. I hope you have had an opportunity to read and reflect.

- Increase student achievement with an aligned district– The article suggests that a school district whose governance and management is aligned can deliver better student achievement. The author encourages a school district to put in place “systems, processes, and structures” that enable administration, board, and staff to work as a team to increase student achievement.
- Board member: Do we have enough money?– The article offers three questions boards can ask their superintendent to help better understand district finance.
 1. Do we have a financial “cushion?”
 2. Are revenues and expenses in line with projections?
 3. How will we end the year?

- How effective and successful is your board? Let's find out!– The article offers a checklist to help a board assess its effectiveness. I would encourage board members to go through the checklist.
3. **Facility Planning Update** – Thank you for your time on November 12. I have forwarded information to the Board's attorney in order to begin preparing a resolution to present to the Board for consideration at the December 17, 2018 School Board meeting.
 4. **2019 MSBA Leadership Conference – SAVE THE DATE!** – Be sure to place on your calendars the 2019 MSBA Leadership Conference to be held **January 17-18, 2019**, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Board to join board members from across the state to learn and network together. We have made room reservations for Wednesday and Thursday night and will have until December 14 to make changes without penalty. I will need to know Board member plans regarding number of nights (1 or 2) so that we can make necessary changes.
 5. **Quarterly Board Member Check-in with Dale** – Sue Kulseth will be contacting Board members to set a time to meet for quarterly check-ins which are scheduled for the week of December 3. If a time does not work for you, we will find a time that does work into your schedule. Dates and times include:
 - Tuesday, December 4 between 8 am & 8 pm
 - Wednesday, December 5 between 8 am & 2 pm and between 5 pm & 8 pm
 - Thursday, December 6 between 8 am & 2 pm and between 5 pm & 8 am
 - Friday, December 7 between 9 am & 12 pm

Thank you for all you do!

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