

NRHEG School District Update

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Vote for Your School Board

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Our vision as a school community is to *be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities*. We strive to do this every day by *empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed*.

Please be sure to vote on November 6, 2018, for four (4) four-year term positions on the School Board. The Board members whose terms expire are JoAnn Maloney, Travis Routh, Rick Schultz, and Mark Tollefson. Thank you to Ms. Maloney, Mr. Routh, Mr. Schultz and Mr. Tollefson for their years of service to our school community.

There are five (5) candidates on the ballot for November 6 to fill the four positions. The candidates are: Rich Mueller, Luke Routh, Travis Routh, Rick Schultz and Jody Wynnemer. Thank you to the candidates for their willingness to serve the students, parents, staff, and constituents of the NRHEG Public Schools.

As the election approaches in a few weeks, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the significant contributions that school board members make to our community. They give unselfishly of their time and talents so that children have the opportunity to grow and develop into productive citizens in their community.

School boards are charged with the responsibility to create the conditions within their school districts that enable all students to learn at high levels. While the primary work of school boards is to improve student achievement and increase community engagement to promote student learning, they often have to find a balance between the forces of political reform efforts and mandates, individual stakeholder interests, and an inherent resistance to change. Budget challenges alone make the work of the school board difficult, but all that more important for the future of our children.

School boards provide stewardship and direction for public education in a community. School board members represent the educational values and priorities of the members of their community including students, parents, employees, and taxpayers. School boards provide a forum for community members to be heard, key issues to be debated and public votes to take place.

School boards articulate the educational mission of the district and garner the public support and resources needed to achieve that mission. They provide the leadership through governance that creates the conditions under which excellent teaching and student learning can take place.

The NRHEG Public Schools has been fortunate to have had committed and caring community citizens serve as school board members in the past and present. Thank you to past and current school board members, and to the current school board candidates for their willingness to serve the students, parents, staff, and citizens of the NRHEG school community so that our students have a bright and successful future.

The public is invited to attend a Board Candidate Forum to be held on Monday, October 29, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Media Center at the Secondary School in New Richland. Hosted by teacher association Education Minnesota (EDMN) – NRHEG, the evening will begin with a meet-and-greet from 6:30 – 7:00 pm followed by the forum scheduled to end no later than 8:30 pm. Representatives from EDMN-NRHEG will moderate the forum where candidates will respond to questions from the audience.

Thank you in advance for providing your support for the important work of your school board by voting on November 6. Your vote ensures that the future of our public schools continues to be one that reflects the interests of our community.

The public is invited to our annual World's Best Workforce (WBWF) Public Meeting to be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 15, 2018, prior to the start of the regular School Board Meeting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Secondary School Media Center in New Richland. At the meeting, staff will present a summary of the District's progress in meeting the objectives of the WBWF plan for the 2017-2018 school year. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to provide feedback that will be used in developing our WBWF plan for 2018-2019 which will be presented to the School Board at the November School Board meeting.

A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month. The location of the meeting is rotated monthly between the NRHEG Secondary School Media Center in New Richland and the NRHEG Elementary School Media Center in Ellendale. The October 15, 2018, School Board meeting will be at the Secondary School beginning at 6:30 pm, and the November 19, 2018, School Board meeting will be at the Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm.

We celebrate together in the accomplishments of our students because we are in this journey together as a school community. Thank you for all you do to support NRHEG Public Schools and our students!