

Dale's School Board Meeting Recap

December 18, 2017 School Board Meeting

Our Mission Together

**Empowering students with
knowledge and skills to succeed.**

Our Vision

**To be the school district of choice, inspiring
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.**

NOTE: This review is authored by the Superintendent, intended as information for the District employees, to keep them informed of the important decisions made by the School Board. This review includes selected items as determined by the Superintendent, and does not include all items of business conducted by the Board. This review is not intended to replace the official minutes of the School Board. Additional information can always be obtained from the official Board minutes or by contacting Dale.

Student Achievement

Teaching and Learning Feature – Teacher Dan Sorum presented an update on the school garden. Thank you Dan!

Costa Rica Student Field Trip Request – The Board approved a request for the District to sponsor an extended student field trip to Costa Rica in the spring of 2019.

Finance

Donations -- We are fortunate to have community members, organizations, and businesses who make donations to the school district. Often the donations are designated toward specific programs or activities. The Board approved the following donations.

E.F. Johnson Foundation	Flexible Learning Space NR	1,000.00
Rosenau's Legacy of Angels	Flexible Learning Space NR	2,500.00
E.F. Johnson Foundation	CE Youth Development Scholarships	1,000.00
Rosenau's Legacy of Angels	CE Youth Development Scholarships	1,000.00
Wisconsin Power & Light	Eagle Bluff	100.00
NRHEG PTO	Eagle Bluff	1,500.00
NRHEG PTO	Battle of the Books	306.03
NRHEG PTO	Conference Meals	82.83
Court Sports	Ellendale Sales—Letter Club	728.00
Anonymous	Donation to Unpaid Lunch Accts	300.00
	Total	8,516.86

Audit Report -- Jamie Fay from Eide Bailly presented the audit report for the 2016-17 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2017. Ms. Fay highlighted portions of the report and responded to questions. The Board approved the audit report.

Unpaid Meal Charge Board Policy 534 First Reading -- The District has been working on drafting a new policy to address unpaid student meal accounts. The current School Lunch Policy 534.1 does not reflect our long-time practice of allowing students to eat a regular meal regardless of the status of the student's account. The new Unpaid Meal Charge Policy 534 being considered by the Board clarifies that a student may charge a regular meal regardless of the status of the account. The policy also outlines specific steps for the District to work with the parent or family to resolve an unpaid account. The Board approved the first reading of Policy 534 which also removes Policy 534.1. The Board will consider a second and final reading of the policy at the January regular School Board meeting.

2017 Payable 2018 Levy Certification -- The Board approved the recommended levy as was presented in the Truth in Taxation public hearing prior to the regular School Board meeting. The Resolution that was approved is as follows:

Whereas, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes the School Board of NRHEG School District, New Richland, Minnesota, is authorized to make the following proposed tax levies for general purposes:

Maintenance (General Fund)	\$ 912,208.39
Includes Referendum	
Community Service	\$ 61,560.71
Debt Service	\$ 280,842.42
Total Proposed School Tax Levy	\$ 1,254,611.52

Now Therefore, Be it resolved by the School Board of NRHEG School District, New Richland, Minnesota, that the levy to be levied in 2017 to be collected in 2018 is set at \$1,254,611.52. The clerk of the NRHEG School Board is authorized to certify the proposed levy to the County Auditor of Waseca County, Minnesota.

The proposed levy of \$1,254,611.52 represents an 8.79% decrease over the prior year in which our school district experienced a 3.58% increase.

Workforce

Employment Recommendation(s) – The Board approved the employment of Sarah Larson, Secondary Paraprofessional. Welcome Sarah!

Resignation(s) – The Board approved the resignation of Amy Klimmek effective December 31, 2017. Amy has served as Elementary paraprofessional since joining the District at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

Facilities

Crow's Nest Renovation – The Board approved the Crow's Nest renovation project at a cost of \$20,600 to be funded through Long Term Facility Maintenance. The project includes:

- Replace windows
- Replace entry doors to building
- Replace roof with a metal roof
- Replace siding with metal siding
- Install stainless steel serving shelf