

District Status Report

11 March 2016

2015-16 Report# 31

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

Providing students with knowledge, skills, and attitudes which enable them to succeed in a globally competitive society.

Empower, Learn, Succeed

Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

[Politics: Bills for education funding, special school board elections are introduced on first day of 2016 legislative session](#)

[Editorial: Move quickly to fix flaws in Minnesota's teacher licensing system](#)

[Analysis: Homework at young ages does not benefit children](#)

[Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton: Lessons could continue during snow days](#)

[Discipline: More schools using expulsion as a last option](#)

2. Strategic Planning Advisory Committee Meeting #1 – The objectives for our first meeting on March 21 are to:

- Review purpose of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee
- Review/revise/ develop a school district Mission Statement
- Review/revise/develop a school district Vision Statement
- Review/revise/develop a set of fundamental belief statements

You should each receive a packet of materials today or tomorrow that will help prepare you for the March 21 meeting. I have a phone conference scheduled with our consultants next Wednesday, March 16, and will update you on any changes. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Important dates to keep on your calendar include:

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| March 21 | 6:30 pm | 1 st Committee Meeting (Board Meeting to start at 5:30 pm) in Ellendale |
| March 29 | 6:30 pm | 2 nd Committee Meeting in New Richland |
| April 12 | 6:30 pm | 3 rd Committee Meeting in Ellendale |

3. Board Member Communication – A Board member shared with me this week questions and concerns from a constituent about the Secondary School parking lot including plans for painting lines and traffic safety issues. Regarding the painting of lines, this will be completed prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year. We still have to make final decisions regarding surface work and whether or not we resurface the lot or continue to patch areas of greatest need. Additional traffic issues including entering and exiting will need to continue to be examined.

Celebrations & Recognitions

(Taken from School and Department Announcements and Communications)

Minnesota Stock Market Game: When Mrs. Flowers' Family and Consumer Science Internet Investing students participate in The Stock Market Game (SMG), they are in a real-world situation where they receive \$100,000 for their virtual portfolio. As they manage their investment portfolio they are gaining a fundamental understanding of investing, strategizing and making decisions to hopefully increase their virtual portfolio. The following NRHEG teams have been successful in increasing their portfolio:

- “The Wolves of Wall Street,” Trey Hoppe, Brody Hanson, and Trai Wicks, are currently ranked 1st in our Region which includes 703 teams and 2nd in the State, which includes 1534 teams with a balance of \$121,210.55.
- “Cashin’ Out,” Tyler Raimann, John Cole, and Luke Overgaard, are ranked 3rd in our region and ranked 5th in the State with a balance of \$117,610.27.

Knowledge Bowl: Congratulations to the top team of Knowledge Bowlers at the meet on Friday, March 4. They finished in 7th place out of a field of 37 teams. The team competed at sub-regional on Thursday, March 10 and represented our school very well.

Speech Tournament: Congratulations to Ben Lewer, Nora Retallick and Solveig Stafford, who received strong rankings in preliminary rounds at Saturday's speech tournament in Medford. Ben received an "honorable mention" award; he missed advancing to the finals round by 1 point.

Large Goup Music Contest : Congratulations to the Concert Choir on earning a rating of "Excellent" and the Concert Band on earning a rating of "Superior" at the large group contest at WEM.

School Board Calendar of Events

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| March 21, 2016 | 5:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center |
| | 6:30 pm | Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #1 – Elementary School Media Center |
| March 29, 2016 | 6:30 pm | Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #2 – Secondary School Media Center |
| April 5, 2016 | TENTATIVE 5:00 pm | AFSME Negotiations – Board Room |
| April 12, 2016 | 6:30 pm | Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #3 – Elementary School Media Center |
| April 18, 2016 | 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center |
| May 16, 2016 | 6:30 pm | School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center |
| June 3, 2016 | | Last Day of School for Students |
| June 5, 2016 | 2:00 pm | Commencement – High School Gymnasium |

Dale's Calendar for March 14 - 18 (As of 3-11-16)

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| Monday | 9:00 am | Check in with Doug |
| | 10:00 am | Check in with Terri |
| | 1:00 pm | Check in with Dave |
| | 1:30 pm | Check in with Karla |
| | 2:00 pm | Check in with Sue |
| | 3:30 pm | Staff Development Committee Meeting |

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| Tuesday | 9:00 am | Check in with Doug, Dave, & Terri |
| | 10:30 am | Strategic Planning Prep |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir Concert |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am | School Board Agenda Planning with Sue |
| | 10:00 am | Strategic Planning Phone Conference |
| | 10:30 am | Strategic Planning Advisory Committee Meeting #1 Planning |
| Thursday | | OUT OF THE DISTRICT |
| Friday | | OUT OF THE DISTRICT |

Thank you for all you do!