

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

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

[Teaching: Teacher hiring crisis affecting Minnesota schools](#)

2. 1-4-16 Special School Board Meeting Follow-up

- a. Board Committee Assignments – The 2016 Board Committee Assignments are listed below. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the committees.

Finance Committee

Mike Moen, Lori Routh, Travis Routh

Policy Committee

JoAnn Maloney, Michele Moxon, Rick Schultz

Building and Grounds Committee

Mike Moen, Michele Moxon, Rick Schultz

Transportation Committee

Michele Moxon, Rick Schultz, Mark Tollefson

School Activities Committee

JoAnn Maloney, Lori Routh, Travis Routh

Negotiations with the Paraprofessionals Union

JoAnn Maloney, Mike Moen, Travis Routh

Negotiations with the AFSCME Union

Michele Moxon, Lori Routh, Rick Schultz

Negotiations with the Certified Staff

Michele Moxon, Lori Routh, Mark Tollefson

- b. School Board Member Compensation – Thank you to Corrine Schuller for surveying nine nearby school districts as to school board member compensation. Below are responses from four school districts who have responded.

<u>School District</u>	<u>Reg. Mtg.</u>	<u>Special Mtg.</u>	<u>Comm. Mtg.</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>Other</u>
Maple River	\$50	\$35	\$35	\$100	\$50 for Negot.
Blooming Prairie	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$80	
Alden Conger	\$40	\$40	0	??	
USC	\$50	??	0	\$100	

In addition, compensation for officer positions include:

<u>School District</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice Chair</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
Maple River	\$500	\$150	\$150	\$150
Blooming Prairie	\$100	--	\$100	\$100
Alden Conger	-----	Not Specified	-----	
USC	\$600	--	\$200	\$200

It is the intent of our current practice to compensate board members for attendance/participation at all posted board meetings (regular and special) and appointed committee meetings at a rate of

\$50, and \$100 for all day workshops/meetings. We are working on developing an improved process to make sure board members have received compensation for their attendance. Please be sure to contact Sue Kulseth or me if you have any questions.

The Board will have to set compensation rates at the January 19 School Board Meeting. Please let me know if I can provide you with additional information.

- c. Community Survey Approval – Thank you for your work on the survey and approval. I have approved the proof we received from School Perceptions and gave the okay to go to print. We are still on target for a January 15 release.

3. Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) Legislative Platform – I have attached to this same e-mail a draft copy of MASA’s 2016 Legislative Platform that will be presented to state legislatures for the session that begins March 8. Please let me know if you have any questions.

4. Weekly Breakfast – Listening Session – You will note on my calendar below plans to be at the Red Leaf Café on Tuesday at 6:30 am for breakfast. Board Chair Rick Schultz plans to be in attendance to assist me with introductions as well as be part of the discussion. This is not to take the place of past discussions of “community chats,” but perhaps it will provide us with some feedback as to the benefits of holding a “listening session” out in the community and how it is received in order for us to build upon in our other communities. I would appreciate any thoughts you may have as well as inviting you to attend with me. I would ask that you contact me in advance if you plan to attend. Times may change from early morning to mid-morning to lunch.

School Board Calendar of Events

January 11, 2016	5:00 pm	EDMN-NRHEG Negotiations – New Richland Media Center
January 19, 2016 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Ellendale Media Center
January 27, 2016	5:00 pm	EDMN-NRHEG Negotiations – New Richland Media Center
February 16, 2016 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – New Richland Media Center
February 18, 2016	TBD	Strategic Planning Community Listening Sessions
March 7, 2016	TBD	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #1
March 21, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – New Richland Media Center
March 29, 2016	TBD	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #2
April 12, 2016	TBD	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #3
April 18, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Ellendale Media Center

Dale’s Calendar for January 11 - 15 (As of 1-8-16)

Monday	9:00 am	Check in with Doug
	10:00 am	Meeting with staff member
	10:30 am	Meeting with staff member
	1:00 pm	Check in with Dave
	1:30 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:00 pm	Check in with Sue
	5:00 pm	Teacher Negotiations

Tuesday	6:30 am	Breakfast / Listening Session with Board Chair – Red Leaf Café
	9:00 am	Check in with Dave and Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Dave, Doug, Karla
	7:00 pm	GBB
Wednesday	10:45 am	Class Presentation
		Out of District in PM – School Board Convention
Thursday		Out of District – School Board Convention
Friday		Out of District – School Board Convention

Thank you for all you do!