



White Bear Lake Area Schools School Board Meeting Highlights October 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

At the October 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting of the White Bear Lake Area School Board, the following agenda items were presented and discussed:

1. **Preview of Otter Lake Prairie Restoration Project.** Teacher Thom Green and fourth grade students from Otter Lake Elementary made a brief presentation on the Otter Lake Prairie Restoration Project. The students gave each Board member a packet of seeds along with an invitation to participate in the special event planting event scheduled for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Presentation on Manufacturing Pathway Event.** Community and district leaders provided an overview of the Manufacturing Pathway event that gave students an opportunity to see, listen to, meet and visit with manufacturing company representatives. The Board heard from Jim Stephan of Du Fresne Manufacturing Company, Ling Becker of Vadnais Heights Economic Development Corporation, Andrea Ferstan of Greater Twin Cities United Way, Teacher Delroy Nyren, Principal Tim Wald and Assistant Superintendent Sara Paul.
3. **First Reading of School Board Policies.** The School Board heard first readings of the following policies as reviewed by the Policy Committee and administration:
 - a. School Board Policy 406, Public and Private Personnel Data
 - b. School Board Policy 415, Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
 - c. School Board Policy 649, Early Admission into Kindergarten
4. **Evaluation of Superintendent.** Board Chair Janet Newberg publicly commented on the superintendent's performance evaluation covering the period of July 2013 - July 2015.

The following actions were taken:

1. **Action on Approving the 2015-16 School Board/Superintendent Goals.** The School Board approved the 2015-16 School Board/Superintendent Goals as recommended and in the same forms as they had been shared at the September School Board and Work-Study meetings.
2. **Action on Self-Insured Dental Benefit Plan.** The School Board approved the District's conversion from a fully insured dental benefit plan to a self-insured dental benefit plan with an implementation date of January 1, 2016 and approved Health Partners as the District's third party administrator.
3. **Action on School Board Policies.** The School Board approved the following policies:
 - a. School Board Policy 427, Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers
 - b. School Board Policy 807, Health and Safety

The Board packet for the October 12, 2015 Board Meeting can be found [here](#).