



White Bear Lake Area Schools

School Board Meeting Highlights

December 14, 2020

Regular Meeting

At the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **2021-22 School Year Calendar**. Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Alison Gillespie presented the 2021-22 calendar for discussion. The 2022-2023 calendar will be presented for discussion within the next couple months as construction timelines and project staging are being finalized.

See the calendar [here](#).

2. **Middle School Programming**. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jen Babiash and Middle School Principals Cathryn Peterson and Christina Pierre presented recommendations for additional modifications to middle school programming.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Guaranteed Energy Saving Agreement**. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Tim Wald and Director of Building Operations Dan Roeser presented information about the district's first phase guaranteed savings agreements with Ideal Energies, LLC and Green2 Solar Leasing, LLC as we prepare to enter into a guaranteed energy saving contracts for our second phase solar projects.

4. **Presentation and Public Hearing Related to the Proposed 2020 Payable 2021 Property Tax Levy**. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Tim Wald and Controller Andi Johnson presented slides used to discuss the School District's 2020 payable 2021 property tax levy. Minnesota school districts are required to discuss the levy at a regularly scheduled School Board meeting and allow the public to speak.

See the presentation [here](#).

5. **2019-20 World's Best Workforce Summary and Achievement and Integration Progress Report**. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Alison Gillespie and Director of Equity and Engagement Dr. Marcellus Davis presented the World's Best Workforce / Achievement and Integration Progress Report.

See the report [here](#).

6. **First Reading of School Board Policies**. The School Board heard first readings of the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Cabinet:
 - a. Policy 419, Tobacco-Free Environment: Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices: Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction
 - b. Policy 430, Employee/Visitor ID Badge
 - c. Policy 517, Student Recruiting
 - d. Policy 518, DNR-DNI Orders

e. Policy 607, Organization of Grade Levels

At the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Certification of 2020 Payable 2021 Property Tax Levy.** The School Board approved the certification of the final 2020 payable 2021 property tax levy in the amount of \$56,987,674.46.
2. **Action on Guaranteed Energy Saving Agreement.** The School Board approved the guaranteed energy savings contract with Ideal Energies, LLC and Green2 Solar Leasing, LLC for installing the second phase solar projects.
3. **Action on the Acceptance of Brosious Grants.** The School Board accepted six Brosious Teaching Grants from the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation as shown in the attached materials in the total amount of \$8,471.95.
4. **Action on Approval of 2021 Election Polling Locations.** The School Board approved the recommendation of the polling places for the 2021 State Primary and General Elections.
5. **Action on Approval of Additional Funds to MDE Expanded Meal Access Grant and the Ramsey County Emergency Food Services Grant.** The School Board approved acceptance of the additional funding from the MDE Expanded Meal Access grant totaling \$20,000 and the Ramsey County Emergency Food Services Grant totaling \$376,572.58 for a combined total of \$396,572.58.
6. **Second Reading of School Board Policies.** The School Board heard second readings of the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Cabinet:
 - a. Policy 421, Gifts to Employees and School Board Members
 - b. Policy 422, Incorporated by Reference
 - c. Policy 510, School Activities
 - d. Policy 513, Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design
 - e. Policy 515, Protection and Privacy of Student Records
 - f. Policy 516, Student Medication
 - g. Policy 601, School District Curriculum
 - h. Policy 602, Organization of School Calendar
 - i. Policy 603, Curriculum Development
 - j. Policy 615, Testing Accommodation, Modification, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans and LEP Students
 - k. Policy 620, Credit for Learning
 - l. Policy 703, Annual Audit
 - m. Policy 904, Distribution of Materials
 - n. Policy 598, Home School Students Participating on State High School League Sanctioned Activities - Eliminate
7. **Action on Reduction in Staff in Fee-Based Programs.** The School Board approved the layoff resolution on reduction in staff in fee-based programs as recommended by the administration.

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