



White Bear Lake Area Schools School Board Meeting Highlights January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

At the January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **Overview of Welcome to White Bear Week and Update on Registration Information for 2021-22.** Director of Communications and Community Relations Marisa Vette presented information about January's Welcome to White Bear activities, including the schedule of events and a brief description of changes that have been made to the enrollment process this year as we work to serve all families.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **FY 20 Annual Audit Report.** Mr. Jim Eichten from the District's auditing firm of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich and Co., P.A. (MMKR), attended the January 11, 2021 School Board meeting to present the fiscal year 2019-2020 audit report.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **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 401, Equal Employment Opportunity
 - b. Policy 407, Employee Right to Know - Exposure to Hazardous Substances
 - c. Policy 409, Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions and Creations
 - d. Policy 497, Nepotism
 - e. Policy 499, Student Teaching
 - f. Policy 519, Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
 - g. Policy 529, Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students
 - h. Policy 599, Academic Recognition
 - i. Policy 609, Religion

At the January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Approval of Bids for New Elementary School in Hugo.** The School Board approved the recommendation to award contracts for the construction of a new elementary school in Hugo in the amount of \$23,834,200.00 as presented.
2. **Action on Approval of FY 20 Annual Audit.** The School Board approved the fiscal year 2019-2020 audit report as presented.
3. **Action on First Student Transportation Addendum.** The School Board approved the addendum to the First Student Transportation Agreement as presented.

4. **Action on School Board Operating Procedures for 2021.** The School Board approved the Rules of Order and Board Agenda format for 2021.
5. **Action on School Board Members' Compensation for 2021.** The School Board approved to keep the same compensation levels for 2021.
6. **Action on Regular and Work Session Meeting Schedule for 2021.** The School Board approved the Regular and Work Session Meeting Schedule for January 2021 to August 2022.
7. **Action on Official Depositories for the School District Funds and Authorized Bank Accounts and Signatures.** The School Board approved the revised list of official depositories for School District funds and authorized bank accounts and signatures for 2021.
8. **Action on Annual Resolution Authorizing Administration to Contract for Budgeted Items.** The School Board approved the confirm the School Board's understanding that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations have been duly authorized to lease, purchase, and contract for goods and services within the budget as approved by the Board in amounts up to \$175,000 and restatement of authorization for the same pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 123B.52, subdivision 2.
9. **Action on Official Publication for the School District for 2021.** The School Board approved the White Bear Press as the legal publication for the White Bear Lake Area Public Schools for 2021.
10. **Action on Appointment of Compliance Officers.** The School Board approved the appointment of Matthew Mons, Director of Human Resources, as the District Human Rights Officer, Dr. Alison Gillespie as the Title IX Coordinator, and Lisa Ouren, Director of Student Support Services, as the District ADA/504 Coordinator in conformance with School Board policies.
11. **Action on Local Education Agency Authorization.** The School Board authorized Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak as the Local Education Agency (LEA) representative for the purpose of reviewing and approving documents required for compliance to federal programs included in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for 2021.
12. **Action on Designation of Legal Counsel.** The School Board approved *Knutson, Flynn and Deans; Ratwik, Roszak, and Maloney; Rupp, Anderson, Squires and Waldsperger, P.A.; and others as needed* for 2021. The School Board approves authorized personnel to contact legal counsel, including: school board chair, school board vice-chair, superintendent, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, director of human resources, director of student support services, director of community services, director of communications and community relations, and director of technology and innovation.
13. **Action on Appointment of Representative for Equity Alliance MN.** The School Board appointed Jessica Ellison as White Bear Lake Area School's representative to Equity Alliance MN for 2021.
14. **Action on Appointment of Representative for Intermediate School District 916.** The School Board appointed Kim Chapman as White Bear Lake Area School's representative to Intermediate School District 916 School Board for 2021.

15. **Action on 2021-22 School Year Calendar.** The School Board approved the 2021-22 School Year Calendar by passing the following resolution.

See the approved calendar [here](#).

16. **Action on Middle School Programming.** The School Board approved the recommendations for modifications to middle school Language Arts programming.

See the presentation [here](#).

17. **Action on School Board Policies.** The School Board heard second readings of the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Cabinet:

- a. Policy 430, Employee/Visitor ID Badge
- b. Policy 517, Student Recruiting
- c. Policy 518, DNR-DNI Orders
- d. Policy 607, Organization of Grade Levels

18. **Action on Approval of Property Purchase Agreement.** The School Board approved the purchase agreement for the property described as PID #143022120015 located in the City of White Bear Lake, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to sign all documents as necessary to acquire said property.

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