



**White Bear Lake Area Schools  
School Board Meeting Highlights  
February 9, 2015  
Regular Board Meeting**

The following state- and national-award recipient students were recognized before the February 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting of the White Bear Lake Area School Board:

- Patriot's Pen Essay Award state winner
- All-State and Honor Band participants
- All-State and Honor Choir participants

At the February 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting of the White Bear Lake Area School Board, the following agenda items were presented and discussed:

1. **Middle School International Baccalaureate Recognition.** In January, we received notification that both Sunrise Park and Central Middle Schools have received authorization as International Baccalaureate World Schools. Our middle school IB coordinator, students, staff and principals presented an IB video and described this authorization and what it means.

See the video [here](#).

2. **Proposed School Calendar for 2015-16**  
The proposed 2015-16 calendar was presented to the School Board. The first day for students is on September 8, 2015, and the last day for students is on June 9, 2016. Winter break is December 21, 2015 - January 1, 2016 and Spring Break is March 21-25, 2015. The calendar will be on the agenda for action in March.

See the draft calendar [here](#).

The following policies were heard for first readings:

1. **First Reading of Policies.** The School Board heard first readings of the following policies as School Board Policies as reviewed by the Policy Committee and administration:
  - a. School Board Policy 421, Gifts to Employees, Classrooms, and Board Members
  - b. School Board Policy 527, Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections and Searches
  - c. School Board Policy 704, Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System

The following actions were taken:

1. **Action on Revised Budget for 2014-15.** At the February 9, 2015 School Board meeting, the 2014-15 revised budget was proposed for approval. In addition, projected budgets for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 were presented.

See the revised budget [here](#).

This presentation included an overview of funds set aside for strategic priority implementation, including a potential orchestra program addition. Additionally, projects under consideration for Phase I of the District's Secondary Facilities and Program Review, including the installation of an artificial turf field at South Campus, were highlighted.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Action on Orchestra Program.** The School Board approved the recommendation for an Orchestral Strings Program to begin in 2015-16 at the fifth grade level, and expand one grade each year until the District offers a full 5-12 Comprehensive Program.

See a summary of questions and answers [here](#) and the presentation [here](#).

3. **Action on Bid - Otter Lake Elementary HVAC Replacement.** The School Board accepted the bid for the Otter Lake Elementary School HVAC replacement project submitted by Thelen Heating & Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$2,228,000. This project completes the HVAC upgrades at the District's elementary schools and provides equity among the elementary buildings by including the addition of a chiller.

4. **Action on School Board Policies.** The School Board approved the following policies as School Board Policies as recommended by the Policy Committee and administration:
  - a. Policy 703, Annual Audit
  - b. Policy 706, Acceptance of Gifts
  - c. Policy 714, Fund Balance
  - d. Policy 722, Credit Card Usage

The Board packet for the Feb. 9, 2015 Board Meeting can be found [here](#).