



**White Bear Lake Area Schools  
School Board Meeting Highlights  
January 23, 2017  
Work-Study Meeting**

At the January 23, 2017 School Board Work-Study Meeting of the White Bear Lake Area School Board, the following agenda items were presented and discussed:

1. **Update on School Board/Superintendent Goals and Strategic Plan Priorities for 2016-17.**  
Board members were provided with an updated copy of priorities for 2016-17 reflecting changes or adjustments since the November work-study session.

- a. **Goal I.1: Update of School and District Initiatives for Student Success.** School Board Members met with their liaison school leaders. When the group reconvened around the Board table, Board members discussed and reflected upon the updates they had been given from their liaison schools.
- b. **Goal I.1 Update on Elementary Literacy Initiative.** A district team presented information about grade 3 reading proficiency in regards to the World's Best Workforce milestones. Presenters included Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Sara Paul; Coordinators Ann Malwitz and Brian Morris; Literacy Coaches Amber Paloney, Lori Schouvieller, Carla Triggs, Merrily Wolters and Deb Thibault; and principals Dan Schmidt, Terry Dahlem, Chris Streiff, Sara Svir and Matt Langsdale. The presentation included a brief description and engagement in the repertoire of strategies needed to read proficiently at grade 3 and beyond.

See the presentation [here](#).

See the video that was shown, The Importance of Reading Proficiency, [here](#).

- c. **Goal II Overview of FY17 Revised Budget, Overview of Potential Operating Levy.** Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak and Controller Mary Vaske presented a revised fiscal year 2016-2017 budget to the School Board. Additionally, projected budgets for fiscal years 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 were presented. At the February 13, 2017 regular meeting, the School Board will be asked to approve a revised budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. A mid-year revision allows for modifications to be made that reflect changes since the preliminary budget was approved in June.

An overview of a potential local operating levy renewal was also provided.

Find the Budget presentation [here](#).

Find the Overview of Potential Local Operating Levy Renewal presentation [here](#).

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