



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
September 12, 2016
Regular Board Meeting**

At the September 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting of the White Bear Lake Area School Board, the following procedural item was announced:

1. **Induction of Student Representatives.** The School Board welcomed new student representatives for the 2016-17 school year: Bryana Sherrick and Hakeem Martins, who are both 12th grade students at White Bear Lake Area High School - South Campus.

The following agenda items were presented and discussed:

2. **Career Pathways in the News.** District representatives provided updates on our new career pathways programs that have gained attention beyond our school district borders:
 - a. Area Learning Center Principal Gretchen Harriman and students Bailey Haglund and Austin Hanson, Area Learning Center students who were among the graduates from the 2016 Minnesota Trades Academy provided the Board with information about the experience. Students in this program completed nine weeks of internship, including hands-on job experiences in fifteen trades.
 - b. Principal Tim Wald, Teacher Delroy Nyreen and Career Navigator Rich Wessels presented information about an August 30 roundtable discussion that district representatives, including a high school student, participated in with U.S. Senator Franken and U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez. United Way, business leaders, and Century College also were included. The discussion put the spotlight on the district's innovative high school career pathways programming.
3. **Update from Educational Foundation.** Connie Menne, president of the White Bear Lake Educational Foundation, and Dawn Hank, director of development, provided an update on the work of the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation and invited School Board and community members to attend the Foundation's Oct. 14 BEAR Legacy fundraising event.
4. **Opening School Report.** Members of the Leadership Team highlighted work done this summer and through the final days before school began to help students, staff, and families get off to a good start. The areas highlighted at the meeting included: Preparing Students for the New Year, Preparing Staff for the New Year, Preparing Families for the New Year, Profile of New Staff, Update on System Improvements, Opening Enrollments.

See the presentation [here](#).

The following actions were taken:

1. **Action on School Board/Superintendent Goals and Strategic Plan Priorities for 2016-17.** The School Board approve the School Board/Superintendent Goals and Strategic Plan Priorities for 2016-17, as reflected in this background memo and the attached document. The priorities, which represents those specific action steps which continue for 2016-17 or are are new for the 2016-17 school year, were initially discussed at the July 11, 2016 work-study session and presented in their current format for the August 22 work-study session.

See the complete list [here](#).

2. **Action on Grant to Library/Media Program.** Teacher Connie Stirling and Director of Technology and Innovation Mark Garrison provided a brief update on the Library Services & Technology Award Mini Grant the district recently received and cover how this effort integrates with our other media partnerships. The Schol Board accepted the Library Services & Technology Award Mini Grant in the amount of \$1,809.30 as recommended by the administration.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Action on Contract with Facility Planner.** Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak provided an update on the district's facilities planning process for the 2016-2017 school year, as discussed at the August 22 Work-Study meeting. The plan is to conduct a demographic study of the District and an internal review of District facilities beginning with early childhood facilities, then secondary facilities, and finally elementary facilities. The School Board authorized the DLR Group to proceed with facilities planning as specified in the July 15, 2016 proposal.

The Board packet for the September 12, 2016 Board Meeting can be found [here](#).