



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
February 8, 2016
School Board Meeting**

At the February 8, 2016 Meeting of the White Bear Lake Area School Board, the following agenda items were presented and discussed:

1. **Report on ConnectED Library Challenge.** District staff members and guests reported on the district's partnership with the Suburban Ramsey County Library System, which aims at providing all of our school students with a library card that can be used both to access the school collections and the county library systems. In addition, training is provided to students to take advantage of the print and digital resources available through the public library system.

The initiative is part of ConnectED, an initiative proposed by President Obama. The White Bear Lake Area School District is one of 60 school districts nationwide that are pioneers in this initiative. Superintendent Lovett was invited and participated in a White House-sponsored conference on January 18 alongside Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire and Suburban Ramsey County Library Director Susan Nemitz.

In attendance at the Board presentation were Superintendent Lovett, Director of Technology and Innovation Mark Garrison, Sunrise Park Middle School Media Specialist Beth Muster, Suburban Ramsey Library System Director Susan Nimetz, and Sunrise students who were featured in the video that was shown at the White House Conference.

See a video that was presented [here](#).

2. **First Reading of School Board Policies.** The School Board heard first readings of the following policies as reviewed by the Policy Committee and administration:
 - a. School Board Policy 614 - School District Testing Plan and Procedure - It was recommended that this policy be eliminated.
 - b. School Board Policy 616 - School District System Accountability
 - c. School Board Policy 618 - Assessment of Student Achievement
3. **Proposed Calendars for 2016-17 and 2017-18.** The proposed 2016-17 and 2017-18 calendars were presented to the School Board for review. The final drafts are the result of calendar committee considerations, feedback gathered from a calendar survey sent to staff and parents regarding key issues and calendar dates, and consultation with union leadership and principals. The first day for students is September 6, 2016 and the last day for students is June 8, 2017 in the 2016-17 calendar. The first day for students is September 5, 2017, and the last day for students is June 7, 2018 in the 2017-18 school calendar.

See the following proposed calendars: [2016-17](#) and [2017-18](#).

See the survey results [here](#).

The following actions were taken:

4. **Action on Appointment of School Board Representative to the Minnesota State High School League.** The White Bear Lake Area School Board appointed Scott Wilson as the School Board representative to the Minnesota High School League effective February 8, 2016.
5. **Approval of Bid - South Campus HVAC Replacement Phase 2.** The Board accepted the bid for the South Campus HVAC replacement project, phase 2, submitted by Thelen Heating and Roofing in the amount of \$1,677,000 (base bid and alternate bid #3).
6. **Action on 2015-17 Collective Bargaining Agreements for Bus Drivers and Aids.** The School Board approved the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Master Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineer Local 70 representing the bus drivers and bus aides of White Bear Lake Area Schools.
7. **Action on 2015-17 Collective Bargaining Agreements for Custodians.** The School Board approved the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Master Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineer Local 70 representing the approximately 70 full-time and part-time employees in the custodial unit in White Bear Lake Area Schools.
8. **Action on 2015-17 Collective Bargaining Agreements for Clerical.** The School Board approved the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Master Agreement with School Services Employees S.E.I.U. Local 284 representing the secretarial and clerical employees of White Bear Lake Area Schools.
9. **Second Reading of School Board Policies.** The School Board heard first readings of the following policies as reviewed by the Policy Committee and administration:
 - a. School Board Policy 304 - Superintendent Contract, Duties and Evaluation
 - b. School Board Policy 304 - Addendum A
 - c. School Board Policy 304 - Addendum B
 - d. School Board Policy 524 - Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use Policy
 - e. School Board Policy 901 - Community Education
 - f. School Board Policy 910 - Awarding of Honorary Diplomas

The Board packet for the February 8, 2016 Work-Study Meeting can be found [here](#).