

To: Members of the School Board

From: Dr. Michael J. Lovett
Superintendent of Schools

Date: April 22, 2009

A work-study session of the White Bear Lake Area School Board will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 201 at the District Center, 4855 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN.

WORK-STUDY AGENDA

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call

B. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Presentation by Community Partners on South Campus Facility Improvements 5:30 p.m.
2. Discussion on Transition Plus Program and Aware Program 6:30 p.m.
3. Planning for the 2009 School Board Election 7:05 p.m.
4. Review of Superintendent/School Board Goals 7:15 p.m.
5. Presentation of 2009-2010 Budget 7:35 p.m.

C. ADJOURNMENT

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 624
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MN 55110**

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Call To Order - Larson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call – Present: Larson, Newberg, Parsons, Storey, Swanson, Hiniker, Kimball
Ex-Officio - Lovett

Cabinet - Daniels, Guenther, Moore, Pope, Thelen, Willcoxon

Communications - Vette

B. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Presentation by Community Partners on South Campus Facility Improvements – Representatives from Community Facility Partners, Dan Nelson, Dick Ward and Tom Moore, provided an overview of the proposed plans to place a sports dome on the grounds of South Campus. Their presentation included costs and benefits to the District, the financing proposal to include tax-exempt revenue bond financing and the timeline.
2. Discussion on Transition Plus Program and Aware Program – Dr. Jill Thelen, Director of Schools, along with Christina Pierre, Associate Principal at North Campus and Tony Mayer, Special Services Coordinator, presented on the proposed AWARE Program to address concerns with students who receive Out of School Suspension. Included were the rationale in proposing an in-house District program which includes savings to our District, an overview of the YCAPP Program Model in the Stillwater School District which we are currently utilizing for some of our students, the impact the program is making in Stillwater, potential funding sources/partnerships and a proposed implementation timeline. Possible Board action may occur in May.

Kathleen Daniels, Director of Special Services, presented on the need for expansion of the Transition Plus program. Mayer and Jessie Prissel, T-Plus Lead Teacher, assisted in the presentation. The proposal addressed the needs for expansion of this growing program, which is mandated by IDEA 2004. We are currently unable to provide the services needed due to space limitations and there is significant expected growth. Potential sites continue to be evaluated and the Board will receive additional information when it becomes available with possible approval in the May/June timeframe.

3. Planning for the 2009 School Board Election – David Guenther, Director of Community Services and Recreation, led the discussion on the Board's need to

decide if it will have a primary election due to change in State law. This item will be on the May Board agenda.

4. Review of Superintendent/School Board Goals – Dr. Lovett provided an update on proposed programmatic adjustments and improvements for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. Of note are class size reductions focused in grades K-3, continued growth in instructional technology and continued investment in innovative partnerships among others. Legislative decisions made this spring could likely have a significant negative impact on the implementation of many proposals.
5. Presentation of 2009-2010 Budget – Pete Willcoxon, Executive Director of Business Services, provided an update on the Capital Expenditure Fund Budget, suggested increase in Food Service Lunch prices for the 2009-10 school year and comparison between the 2008-09 and 2009-10 adopted budgets. Willcoxon also provided some comparative forecasts for this legislative session.

C. ADJOURNMENT - Parsons moved; Larson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Voice vote: *All ayes. Motion carried.*

Submitted by: Cathy Storey, Clerk