



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
May 21, 2018
Work-Study Meeting**

At the May 21, 2018 Work-Study Meeting, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **College Readiness Update.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Sara Paul was joined by WBLAHS - North Campus principal Alison Gillespie, Teaching and Learning Coordinator Jill Pearson, high school teachers Brietta Hutson and Susan Furtney, and high school students to share more about the district's college-level course options and offerings and to look ahead to developments for 2018-19.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **SeeSaw at Elementary.** As part of our ongoing effort to streamline and clarify digital parent communication and to strengthen our strategic alignment, elementary schools have adopted Seesaw as their digital communication hub. Seesaw replaces Schoology K-5. Technology Director Mark Garrison and Digital Learning Specialists LuAnne Oklobzija and Nick Marty were joined by 5th grader Owen Howard to introduce Seesaw and explain how it fits into the K-12 digital communication framework.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Project Search Update.** Sara Derby presented an update on our first full year of Project SEARCH and our partnership with Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. Project SEARCH is a one-year school to work program for 18-21-year old students with cognitive or intellectual disabilities that are in their final year of transition services. Selected students have 3 work rotations at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare to increase their skills needed to obtain competitive and paid employment upon graduation. Students participating in Project Search work in a number of departments completing jobs in the areas of clerical, assembly and inventory. All students are interviewed, observed performing work tasks and selected by a committee with representatives from Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, White Bear Lake Area Schools, Ramsey County, Minnesota Department of Education and Vocational Rehabilitation services.

See the presentation [here](#).

4. **Preliminary FY19 Budget and Projected FY20-FY22 Budgets.** Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Tim Wald presented a draft preliminary budget for fiscal year 2019 and projected budgets for fiscal years 2020 through 2022, noting that the data contained are subject to change as revenue and expenditure assumptions may be refined and that the end of Minnesota's 2018 legislative session may impact the final assumptions used to develop the budget that will be presented to the School Board for approval in June.

See the presentation [here](#).

5. **OPEB Trust with PFM.** Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Tim Wald presented information about the district's OPEB Trust. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) are benefits (other than pensions) that school districts, state, and local governments provide to their retired employees. These benefits principally involve health care benefits but also may include life insurance, disability, legal and other services. In 2008 the District sold bonds to fund its postemployment liabilities. The funds are held and invested by Wells Fargo. Administration recommended moving the funds from Wells Fargo to PFM Asset Management. Donn Hansen and Jason Palmer from PFM will be on hand to share information about their services.

See the presentation [here](#).

6. **White Bear Sports Center Agreement.** Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Tim Wald presented information about the district's agreement with the White Bear Sports Center. The District leased ice time for the girl's hockey program at the White Bear Sports Center through the 2009-2010 school year. At that time ice time was leased from Ramsey County's Aldrich Arena for the boy's program. When the Vadnais Sports Center was built, both the boys and girls programs moved into the new facility. The administration recommended that beginning in July of 2018 the White Bear Lake Area Schools will enter into an agreement with the City of White Bear Lake to lease ice time at the White Bear Sports Center for the girl's hockey program.

See information that was discussed at the meeting [here](#).

7. **Comprehensive Facilities Update.** Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Tim Wald provided an update on the comprehensive facilities.

See the presentation [here](#).

8. **Follow Up to IB Vote: Moving Forward.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Sara Paul shared communications that went out last week after the Board vote and will provide an overview of next steps.

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