



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
September 28, 2020
Work-Study Meeting**

At the September 28, 2020 Work-Study Meeting of the School Board, the following item was presented and discussed:

1. **Overview of Conscious Discipline.** Student Support Services staff members Angela Drange, Kristen Johnson and Jill Tessman provided a brief overview of Conscious Discipline, which is being implemented at our elementary schools and teaches educators on how to establish routines, create structures and use supportive language to guide students in self-regulation which in turn creates a sense of unity while promoting self-care.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **2020-21 Strategic Priorities.**
 - a. ***Update on Equity Action Plan.*** Dr. Marcellus Davis, Director of Equity and Engagement, and Mr. Sebastian Witherspoon, Executive Director of Equity Alliance MN, provided an overview of how we intend to move forward with the development of a multi-year Equity Action Plan.

See the presentation [here](#).

- b. ***Overview of Envisio Dashboard.*** Dr. Alison Gillespie, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, provided an overview of Envisio, a tool we are using to track the implementation of our Strategic Plan

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **School District Elections.** The School Board discussed the possibility of moving its School Board elections to even year elections and to eliminate the primary. White Bear Lake Area Schools is currently one of 33 districts that hold elections in the odd year, with 299 Minnesota School districts holding elections in the even year according to Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). We are one of nine out of 332 Minnesota school districts that take part in the primary system, according to MSBA.

4. **Overview of Facilities Projects: Transportation Facility, South Campus Gymnasium Addition, Willow Lane Elementary, Vadnais Heights Elementary, Lincoln Elementary Gymnasium Addition, and Matoska International Elementary.** Sal Bagley and Paul Aplikowski from Wold Architects and Engineers provided an overview of the phase one projects scheduled to be released for public bid in October.

See the presentation [here](#).

At the September 28, 2020 Work-Study Meeting of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Transportation Facility Bids.** The School Board approved the recommendation to award construction contracts for the new transportation facility in the amount of \$5,242,696.81 as presented.
2. **Certification of 2020 Pay 2021 Proposed Property Tax Levy.** The School Board approved the maximum for the 2020 Payable 2021 Proposed Property Tax Levy.
3. **Action on Revised 10-Year Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan.** The School Board approved the 10-Year Long-Term Facility Maintenance Plan as presented.
4. **Action on Approval of Property Purchase Agreements.** The School Board approved the purchase agreements for the properties described as PID #143022120007 and PID#143022130036, located in the City of White Bear Lake, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to sign all documents as necessary to acquire said properties.

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