



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
May 24, 2021
Work Session Meeting**

At the May 24, 2021 Work Session Meeting of the School Board, the following items were discussed:

1. **Strategic Plan Highlight: Early Childhood Programming.** Early Childhood Coordinator Darcy Rodriguez and Assistant Director of Student Support Services Angela Drange shared an overview of our White Bear Lake Area Schools Early Childhood Program and how we are meeting the needs of students, families, and community, while achieving the benchmarks identified in the strategic plan as we complete the 2020-21 school year and prepare for 2021-22.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Strategic Plan Highlight: College and Career Readiness Outcome Measures.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Alison Gillespie and Research, Evaluation and Assessment Coordinator Dr. Melinda Fierro discussed school and district accountability measures, requested feedback from the School Board on College and Career readiness measures, and shared a plan and timeline for our continued work including when student outcome data for 2020-21 can be shared with the School Board and WBLAS stakeholders. WBLAHS teacher Cassie Knutson also shared an update about the continued impact the AVID program is making in supporting students in achieving outcome measures around college readiness specifically in regards to college credit obtainment.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Fiscal Year 2021-22 Preliminary Budget.** The Finance Office provided an overview of the preliminary budget and variables used to develop the budget for fiscal year 2021-22 and projected budgets for fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24 for discussion. The preliminary budget will return to the Board on June 14 for Board approval.

See the presentation [here](#).

4. **Labor Negotiations.** Matt Mons, Director of Human Resources, and Tim Wald, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, provided information on labor negotiations.

**This portion of the meeting was closed to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to Minn. Stat. 179A.01 to 179A.25.*

At the May 24, 2021 Work Session Meeting of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Bids for the South Campus Phase 2 Project.** The School Board accept the bids for the South Campus phase 2 project contracts for the addition and remodel at South Campus in the amount of \$3,694,670.00 as presented.

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