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Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ray Lechner began his report by welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

Dr. Lechner then reported that District 86, in coordination with our neighboring schools, instituted an Emergency Weather Learning (E-learning) day, Friday, Jan. 12. The district's announcement can be viewed here: <https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/27989674>.

Good News

Hinsdale South's Madeline LaPointe and Hinsdale Central's Ren Pang presented the board with information from their student liaison reports including highlighting areas of student focus on each campus. You can access LaPointe's report here <https://bit.ly/3SgBYkH> and Pang's report by visiting <https://bit.ly/3SgpXwA>.

RFP Process for District Legal Counsel

Dr. Ray Lechner provided the board with an update on a request for proposals (RFP) for legal services reviewed by a superintendent committee that included two board members, in October 2023. Dr. Lechner then led a discussion with the board on the RFP and the process the board would like to follow to review firms that respond to the request. Following its discussion, the board requested that the RFP return for full board review and discussion of the board's interest in considering a potential change in legal counsel.

Action Items

The board took action to approve Dr. Rebecca Nelson as the new co-interim superintendent during its meeting. An announcement about her appointment can be accessed by visiting <https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/27994948>.

Consent Agenda

The board approved the consent agenda as presented. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3vyMnAq> to access the consent agenda items beginning under agenda item number six.

Board President's Report

Board President Catherine Greenspon wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed students and staff back following the winter break.

President Greenspon then welcomed the district's new superintendent Dr. Michael Lach saying he is an engaged listener, thoughtful and understands and respects the history of excellence in District 86. The board of education approved the appointment of Dr. Lach at their Jan. 10 Special Meeting. An announcement about his appointment can be viewed by visiting <https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/27994948>.

President Greenspon welcomed new Co-Interim Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Nelson who will join Dr. Ray Lechner. Greenspon expressed her confidence in Nelson and Lechner to work hard to prepare the district for Superintendent Lach's arrival.

President Greenspon thanked everyone for their participation in the board's meeting and wished everyone a good E-learning day.

Future Agenda Items

Board member Jeff Waters requested a discussion about plans for off-campus lunch at Hinsdale South as raised by board student liaison LaPointe during her report. The board asked Dr. Lechner to connect with Hinsdale South principal Dr. Patrick Hardy to review the proposal. This agenda item will be added as a future agenda item when it is ready for board consideration.

You can access the current list of future agenda items by visiting <https://bit.ly/3vyDgQI>.

Audience Communication

Members of the public spoke about the following topics during the two opportunities they had to give audience communication:

- Social Studies curriculum updates.
- Curriculum alignment and course offerings at the district's two high schools.
- District 86 communications.

The board adjourned to closed session. The board did not take action following the closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The video recording of this session will be available in the next day or two at <https://vimeo.com/user9373008/videos>.

Future Board Meetings

Below are the dates of the board's upcoming regularly scheduled meetings. The full calendar of board and committee meetings for the 2023-24 school year can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/44oHoho>.

- Jan. 25, 2024 - Regular Action Meeting
- Feb. 8, 2024 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Feb. 22, 2024 - Regular Action Meeting

