



White Bear Lake Area Schools School Board Meeting Highlights August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

At the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **Student Recognition**. The School Board recognized students who represented the district in various activities. Members of the Speech team competed at the state and national-level. Additionally, we had members of the Fishing and Trap and Skeet teams who participated at the national-level.

See the recognition video [here](#).

2. **Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract for Solar**. Founder and CEO Chris Psihos and Senior Vice President Rich Ragatz from iDEAL Energies provided an overview of our solar partnership, the Solar for Schools Grant, and plans for solar projects at Vadnais Heights Elementary and White Bear Lake Area High School. Later in the meeting, the Board was asked to approve a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESC) with iDEAL Energies for solar installations at these two schools.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Summer Construction Update**. Tim Wald, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, along with representatives from Wold Architects and Engineers and Kraus Anderson Construction provided an update on the construction that is occurring at Mariner and Central Middle Schools, White Bear Lake Area High School and related road construction, and Sunrise Park.

See the presentation [here](#).

4. **First Reading of School Board Policies**. The School Board acted upon the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Cabinet:

- a. 102, Equal Educational Opportunity;
- b. 204, School Board Meeting Minutes;
- c. 413, Harassment and Violence;
- d. 416, Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing;
- e. 418, Drug-Free & Alcohol-Free Workplace/Drug-Free & Alcohol-Free School;
- f. 425, Staff Development and Mentoring;
- g. 503, Student Attendance;
- h. 506, Student Discipline;
- i. 509, Enrollment of Nonresident Students;
- j. 512, School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities;
- k. 513, Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design;
- l. 515, Protection and Privacy of Student Records;
- m. 516, Student Medication and Telehealth;
- n. 521, Student Disability Nondiscrimination;
- o. 524, Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety;

- p. 535, Service Animals on School Property;
- q. 601, School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals;
- r. 603, Curriculum Development;
- s. 604, Instructional Curriculum;
- t. 609, Religion and Religious and Cultural Observances;
- u. 613, Graduation Requirements;
- v. 615, Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans and LEP Students;
- w. 619, Professional Development for Standards;
- x. 624, Online Instruction;
- y. 707, Transportation of Public School Students;
- z. 708, Transportation of Nonpublic School Students;
- aa. 709, Student Transportation Safety; and
- bb. 802, Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material.

At the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Resolution to Enter into Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract for Solar.** The School Board approved the authorization of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations or Superintendent to sign Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with iDEAL Energies and iDEAL Energies Solar Leasing for solar array installations at Vadnais Heights Elementary and White Bear Lake Area High School.
2. **Labor Negotiations.** Matt Mons, Director of Human Resources, provided information on labor negotiations. This portion of the meeting was closed as permitted by Minnesota statutes.

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