



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
December 9, 2024
Regular Meeting**

At the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **Recognition of Retiring School Board Members.** The School Board recognized the invaluable contributions to White Bear Lake Area Schools of outgoing Board member Marge Newmaster. Marge has served on the School Board since January 2016. She has worked for the district for more than 5 decades, beginning in March 1971.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Presentation and Public Hearing Related to the Proposed 2024 Payable 2025 Property Tax Levy - The Public Hearing will start at 6:00 p.m.** Tim Wald, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and Andi Johnson, Director of Finance presented the Proposed 2024 Payable 2025 Property Tax Levy. Minnesota school districts are required to discuss the levy at a regularly scheduled School Board meeting and allow the public to speak.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Overview of Revised Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget and Projected Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.** Andi Johnson, Director of Finance and Tim Wald, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented a revised fiscal year 2024-25 budget. Additionally, a projected budget for fiscal year 2025-26 was presented. The projected budget is used for planning purposes until the preliminary 2025-26 budget is prepared and approved by the Board in June, 2025.

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. 501, School Weapons Policy;
 - b. 526, Hazing Prohibition.

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

1. **Action on Certification of 2024 Payable 2025 Property Tax Levy.** The School Board approved the certification of the final 2024 Payable 2025 Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$70,477,860.93.
2. **Action on Revised Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.** The School Board approved the fiscal year 2024-25 revised budget as recommended.

3. **Action on the Acceptance of Brosious Grants.** The School Board approved the 8 Brosious Teaching Grants and 3 Ryan Art Grants from the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation as shown in the attached materials in the total amount of \$14,745.47.
4. **Action on 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Year Calendars.** The School Board approved the 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Year Calendars.

See the presentation [here](#).

5. **Action on 2025-26 Course Proposals.** The School Board approved the recommended secondary new course proposals, course name or grade level changes, and course removals for the 2025-26 school year as presented.

See the presentation [here](#).

6. **Action on School Board Policies.** The School Board acted upon the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Cabinet:
 - a. 419, Tobacco-Free Environment: Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction;
 - b. 722, Public Data and Data Subject Requests;
 - c. 730, Use of Electronic Signatures to Conduct Official Business;
 - d. 805, Waste Reduction and Recycling.

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