



Board of Education Column

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Superintendent Search and Governance Committee Update

The search for our next superintendent is on! This is quite literally the most important task before the board, and we are committed to finding an exceptional leader for this incredible district.

Truly, whoever earns this role will be incredibly fortunate to serve such a dedicated community that values public education. The position is set to close to application on February 2, and we can't wait to explore the outstanding candidates who aspire to this opportunity. Our goal is to complete interviews and extend an offer by the end of February, setting the stage for an exciting new chapter for our schools.

In other news, the work of our Governance Committee continues to ensure our board is effective, informed, and focused on what truly matters – our students and schools. This committee meets monthly to plan meeting agendas, explore ways to grow as a board, review policies, and stay closely connected with district administration. Our work is guided by our shared belief in the power of public education and the amazing opportunities it creates for all.

In recent months, we've rolled up our sleeves, tackled some exciting topics, and brought learning opportunities to the full board. In the fall, all Board members engaged in trainings and conversation related to policy governance as well as attended the North Dakota School Board Association's annual conference.

Next, we brought forth a simulation created by our Planning Committee that challenged us to consider the tough decisions that go into our Long-Range Facility Plan – good practice for the real-world choices ahead.

We've also explored our new Unified Strategic and Operational Plan, reviewed ideas for board compensation, considered a therapy dog policy, and checked into potential changes in the middle school schedule.

Thank you to each of you for being invested in this work. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve this community.

