



AGENDA
Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, MN 56001

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.
Intergovernmental Center - Mankato Room

Greeters: Supt. Sheri Allen and Board Member Judi Brandon

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (5:30 P.M.)
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (5:30 P.M.)
3. OPEN FORUM (5:35 P.M.)
4. INFORMATION (5:45 P.M.)
 - A. Eagle Lake Elementary School Report
 - B. Central High/Freedom School Report
 - C. Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports
5. CONSENT AGENDA (6:25 P.M.)
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the January 4, 2016, Regular Meeting
 - B. Approval of January Bills
 - C. Personnel
 1. Personnel - Addendum
6. BUSINESS (6:30 P.M.)
 - A. Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

- B. Approval of Resolution Supporting East and West High School Grant Request
- C. Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds - ADDENDUM
- 8. ADJOURNMENT (6:40 P.M.)



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Term Ends December 31, 2019

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OPEN FORUM GUIDELINES

The School Board allows public participation at its meeting, but at the same time has the responsibility for conducting its business in an orderly fashion. The Chairperson will provide the audience with an opportunity to speak during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Citizens wishing to speak are asked to complete a Visitor Registration Card (located at the door of the meeting room) and hand it to the Board Chair or Deputy Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.

The major purpose of the citizens' participation is for the School Board to hear citizen's views on ways to improve the educational program and ways to improve the processes, including communications, for bringing about such improvements.

Each speaker will be asked to state his/her name and address for the record, and will be allowed five minutes for his/her presentation unless the time limit is waived by a majority of the Board members present. When there are a large number of speakers to be heard, the School Board may shorten this time or limit the number of speakers.

During an open meeting, the School Board is prohibited by law from considering allegations or charges against an employee. The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, he/she persists in improper conduct or remarks.

Members of the School Board and the Superintendent may question a speaker or make comments in response to the speaker's remarks.

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Mankato Area Public Schools District Strategic Roadmap

MISSION STATEMENT - *Our core purpose*

Assuring learning excellence and readiness
for a changing world

CORE VALUES - *What drives our actions and words*

Integrity - *Doing the "right thing" at all times with honesty and authenticity*

Respect - *Embracing of our differences, treating others as we wish to be treated*

Excellence - *High expectations for all and in all we do and the courage to challenge for it*

Adaptability - *Engaging in flexible, continuous and purposeful change grounded in data*

Responsibility - *Shared stewardship of and accountability for our words, acts, choices and results*

Engagement - *Actively participating with a mission-focus and values-driven attitude*

Collaboration - *Operating with a preference and capacity for partnership across our community*

VISION - *What we commit to create*

Learner Success through

- Aligned and relevant curriculum meeting individual needs
- Learner excellence and readiness

Sustainable Systems & Structures through

- Sustainable resources for continued growth; freedom from scarcity
- Quality, professional and respected staff
- Sustainable leadership philosophy, practice, and culture

Community Culture of Excellence through

- Recognizing who we are and embracing who we may become
- Collaboration and communication as core competencies

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS- *Our focus for continuous improvement*

- A. Student learning and engagement
- B. Developing district culture and practices of partnership and connectedness between staff, students, families and community for student learning
- C. Increase readiness for all students to ensure options for life
- D. Needs-based resource allocation
- E. Developing staff capacity, accountability and skills to implement our Strategic Directions

School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 4. A.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Sheri L. Allen, Superintendent

Item Type: Information

Subject:

Eagle Lake Elementary School Report

Background:

Kory Kath, Rebecca Johnson and Shelly Weckwerth will present an update report on Eagle Lake Elementary School.

Recommended Action:

None

Attachments

Eagle Lake Elementary School Report

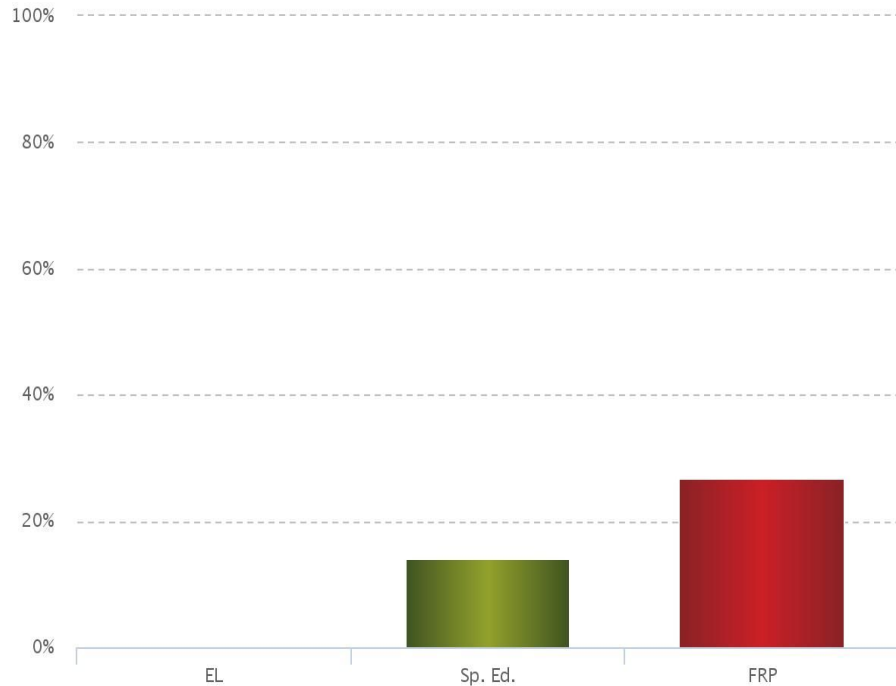
2015–16 *Eagle Lake School* Report to the School Board



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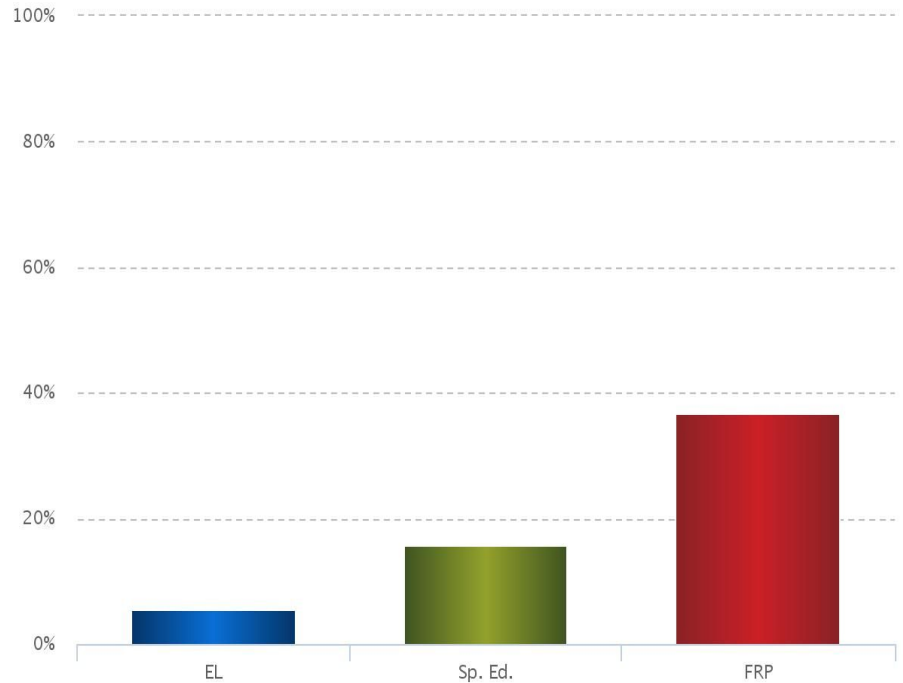
Demographics

EAGLE LAKE SCHOOL



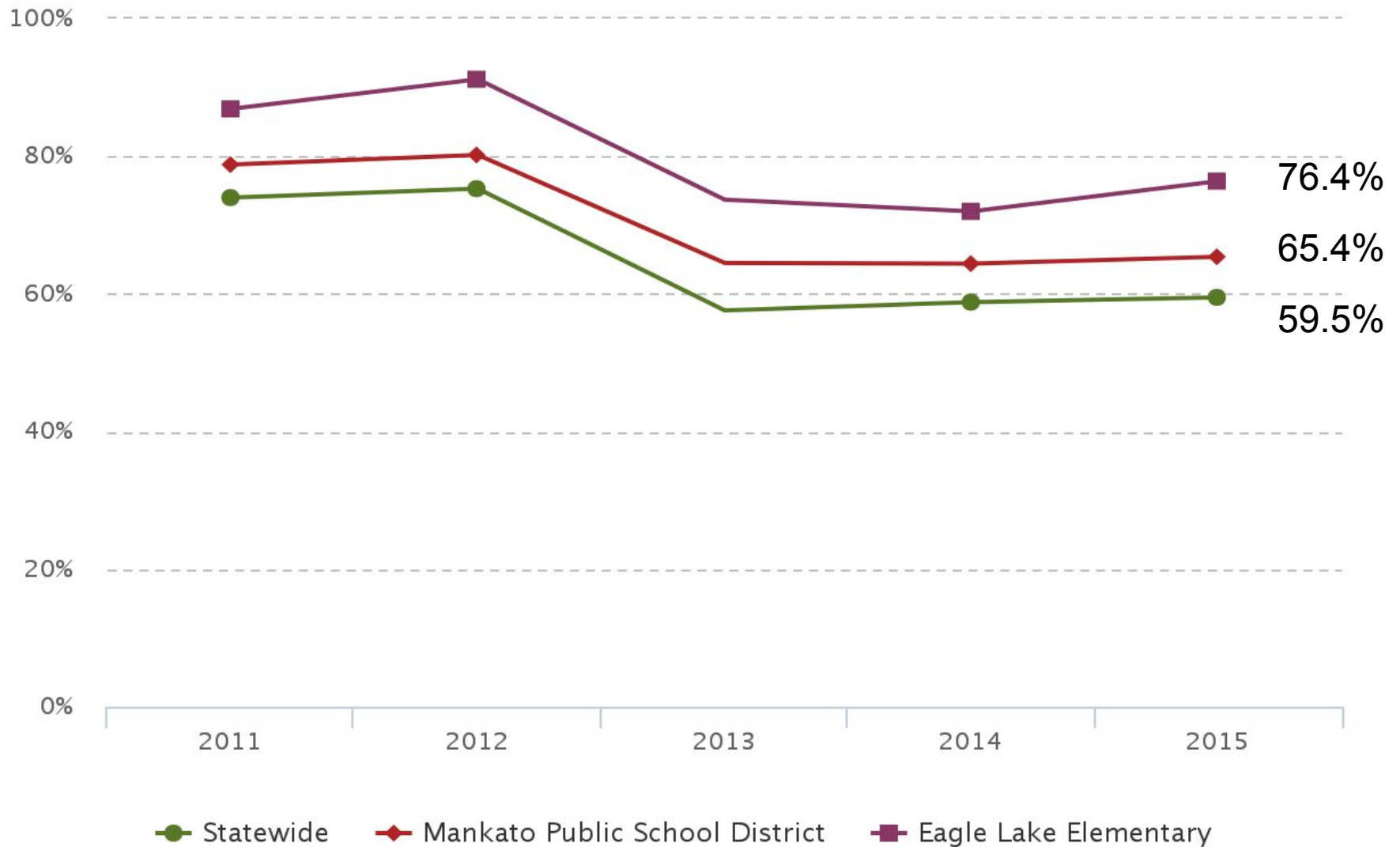
English Learner	1	0.3%
Special Education	51	14.2%
Free/Reduced Priced Lunch	97	26.9%

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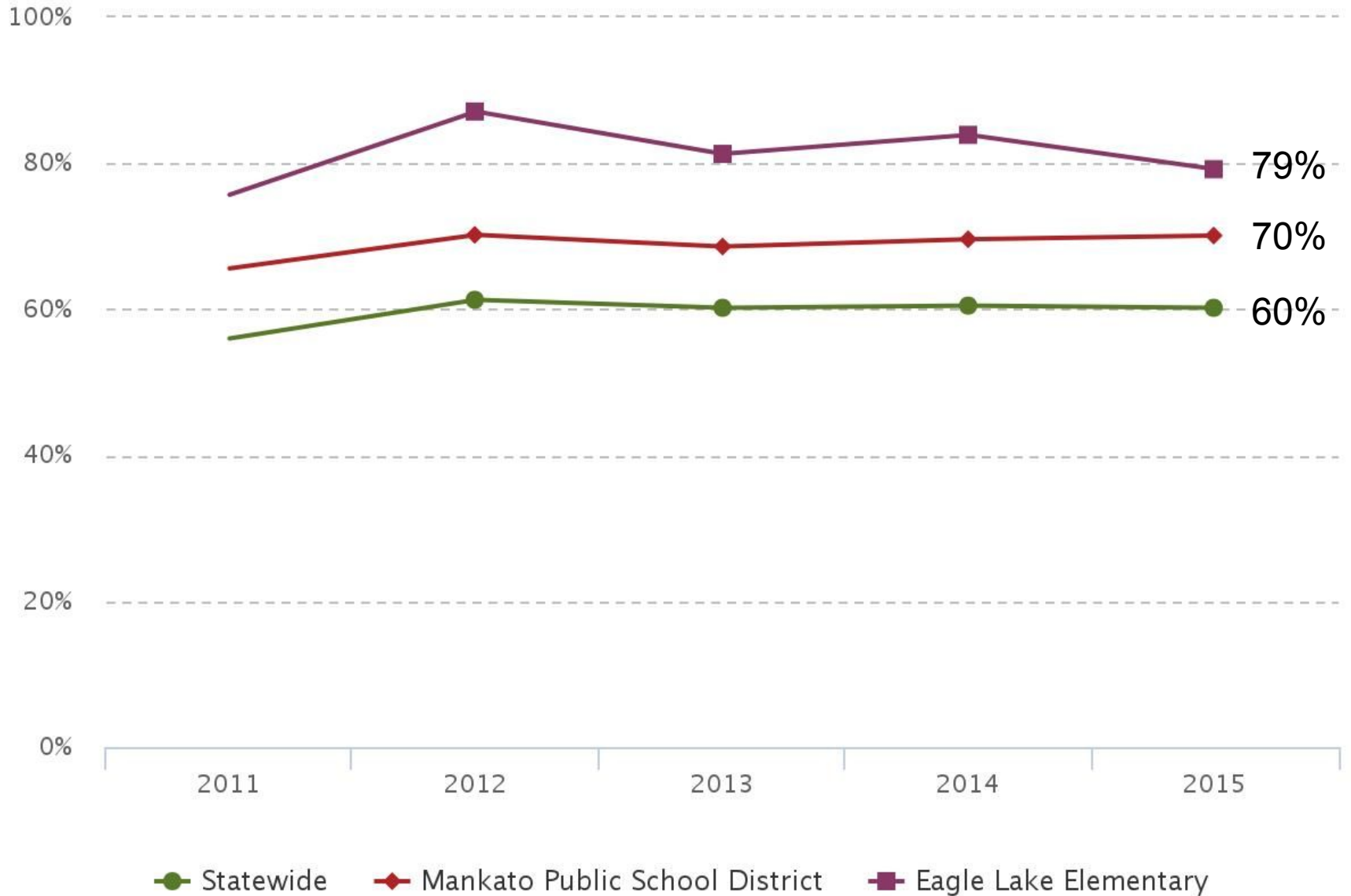


English Learner	440	5.5%
Special Education	1,244	15.7%
Free/Reduced Priced Lunch	2,914	36.7%

Eagle Lake Reading Trend Data



Eagle Lake Math Trend Data



Improvement Efforts

Strategic Direction A

Commitment to Literacy Growth in ALL Students

- Grade Level Collaboration Meetings with Reading Intervention Teacher
 - Data Driven Progress Monitoring
 - Results Based Reporting to Problem Solving Team
 - Cross Grade Level Meeting in Sept. to begin on time
- Reading Corps Teacher - Full Time
- Enrichment work using Book Studies, Socratic Seminars, Word Masters & Michael Clay Thompson Strategies
- Professional Development centered around developing core (Tier 1) learning in reading and writing
 - Made available through a district grant with 3 full days of professional development

Improvement Efforts

Strategic Direction A

Technology Integration

- TIES 2015 Professional Development - 4 teachers & Principal attended. PD stations offered to staff in enhanced use of technology.
- Collaboration and Push-In Model with our Media Teacher and Staff on elevating technology within the SAMR model.
- Chrome Book Computer Cart Pilot Program - Full Year
- Maker Space...more to come!

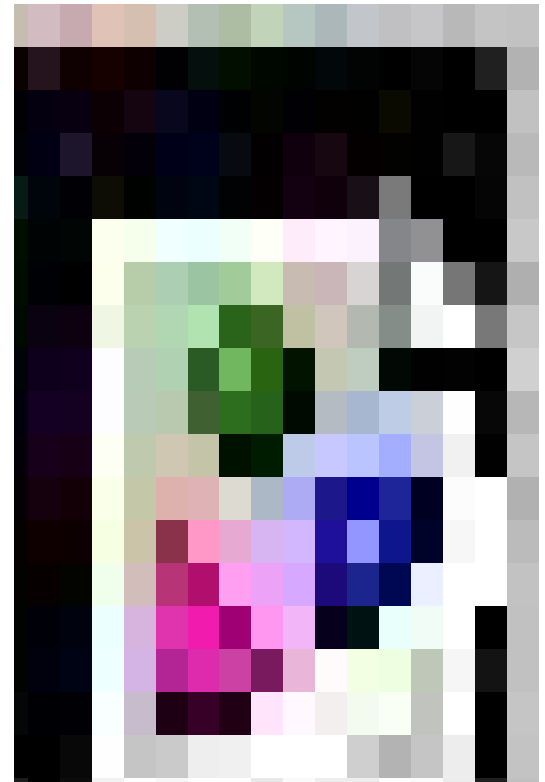
Improvement Efforts – Strategic Direction B

- PBIS Stations, Monthly Value Lessons & SOAR Assemblies
- Weekly Teacher Communication & Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Teacher Updates before PTO Meetings
- Student Council
- Community Connection Events:
 - Tears & Cheers Breakfast - Kdg Parents
 - Eagle Lake Fun(d) Run
 - GRIT Night
 - Book Fair
 - Student Art at EL City Offices
 - Bingo Night
 - Jump Rope For Heart
 - Movie Night
 - Open Gym - Free
 - Carnival



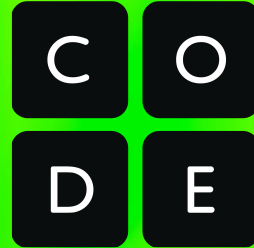
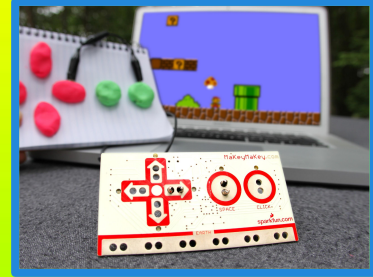
Improvement Efforts Direction E

- Open Door Days
- Peer Coaching & Collaboration on Writing Strategies and Balanced Literacy Protocols
- Problem Solving Team Decision Making Tree & RTI Progress Monitoring Model



Professional Learning Community Collaborative Teams

- Grade Level & SPED Collaborative Teams
- Focus on Strengthening Core Instruction
 - Balanced literacy resources and protocols
 - Math Standards
 - Best practices in writing
- Data Conversations between Grade Level teachers and Reading Intervention Teacher
 - Focus on student progress
 - Identify needs
 - Utilize Problem Solving Team resources



Maker Space at Eagle Lake Elementary



Great News in 2015-16...
404 Students enrolled at
Eagle Lake Elementary!

**Growing strong &
SOARing!**

School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 4. B.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Sheri L. Allen, Superintendent

Item Type: Information

Subject:

Central High/Freedom School Report

Background:

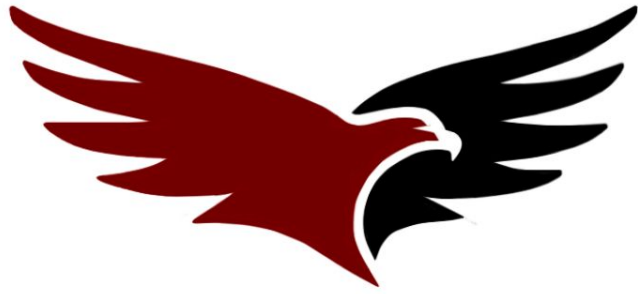
Kathy Johnson and Heather Gilman will present an update report on Central High/Freedom School.

Recommended Action:

None

Attachments

Central High/Freedom School Report



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Central High School
Central Freedom School

Report to the School Board

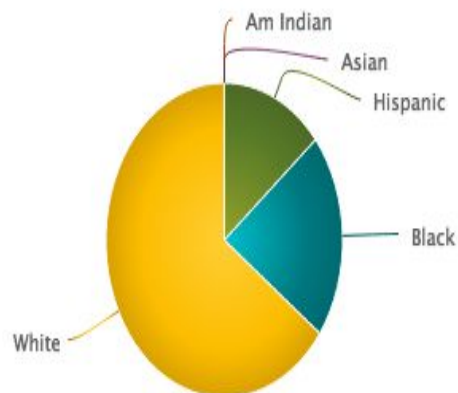
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Demographics– Central High School

Central High Area Learning Center Mankato Public School District



2015 Enrollment by Ethnicity



Am Indian Asian Hispanic Black White

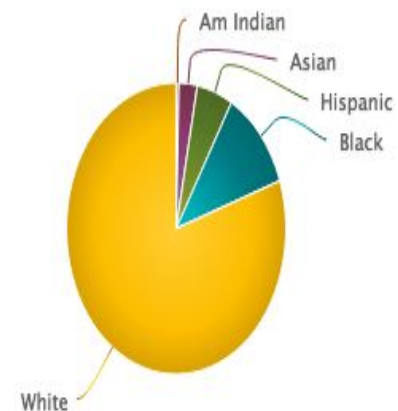
Ethnicity	Count	Percent
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Hispanic	8	14.0%
Black, not of Hispanic Origin	12	21.1%
White, not of Hispanic Origin	37	64.9%
All Students	57	100.0%



Mankato Public School District



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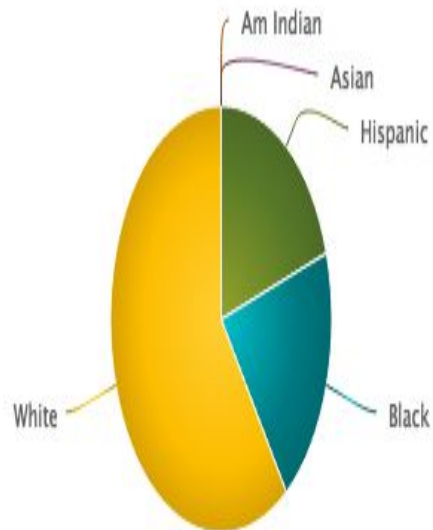
Ethnicity	Count	Percent
American Indian/Alaskan Native	31	0.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	215	2.7%
Hispanic	421	5.3%
Black, not of Hispanic Origin	897	11.3%
White, not of Hispanic Origin	6,384	80.3%
All Students	7,948	100.0%

Demographics– Central Freedom School

Central Freedom School Mankato Public School District



2015 Enrollment by Ethnicity



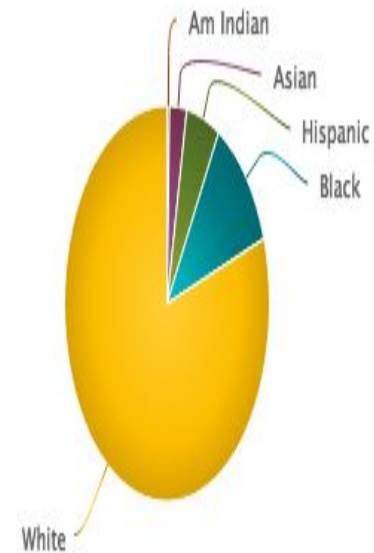
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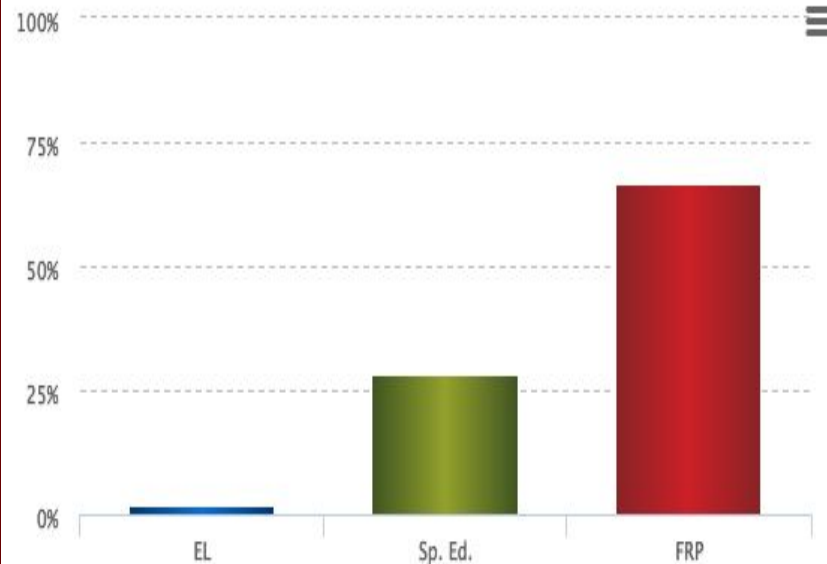
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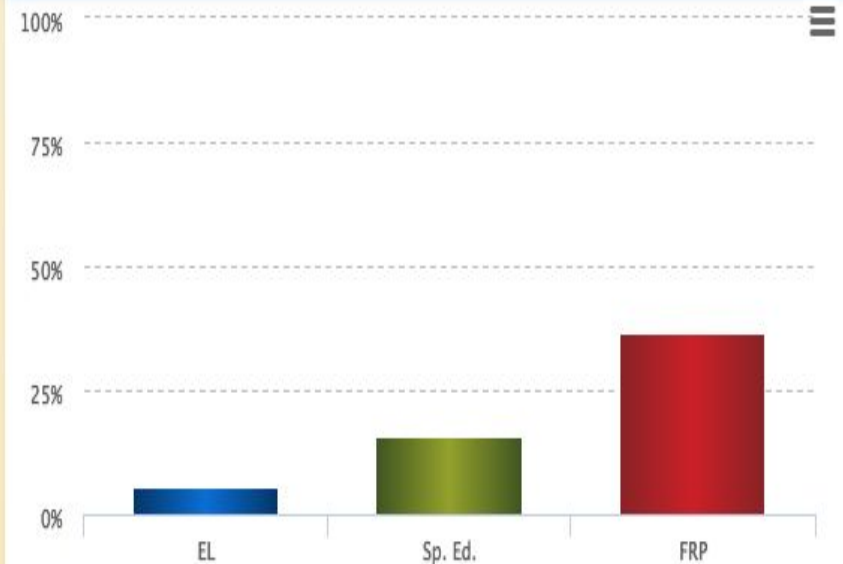
Special Populations: CHS

2015 Enrollment by Special Population



	Count	Percent
English Learner	1	1.8%
Special Education	16	28.1%
Free/Reduced Priced Lunch	38	66.7%

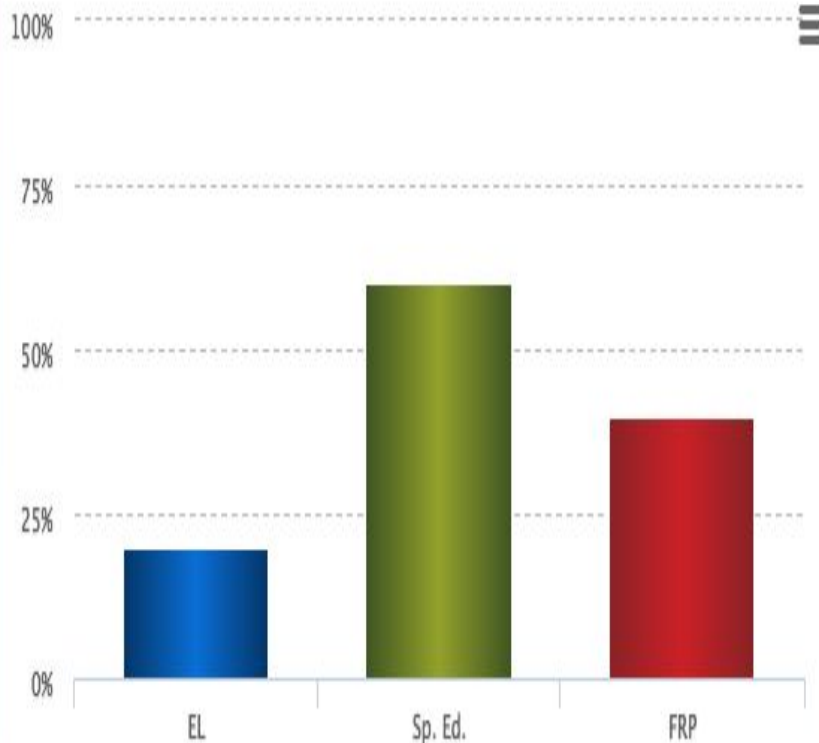
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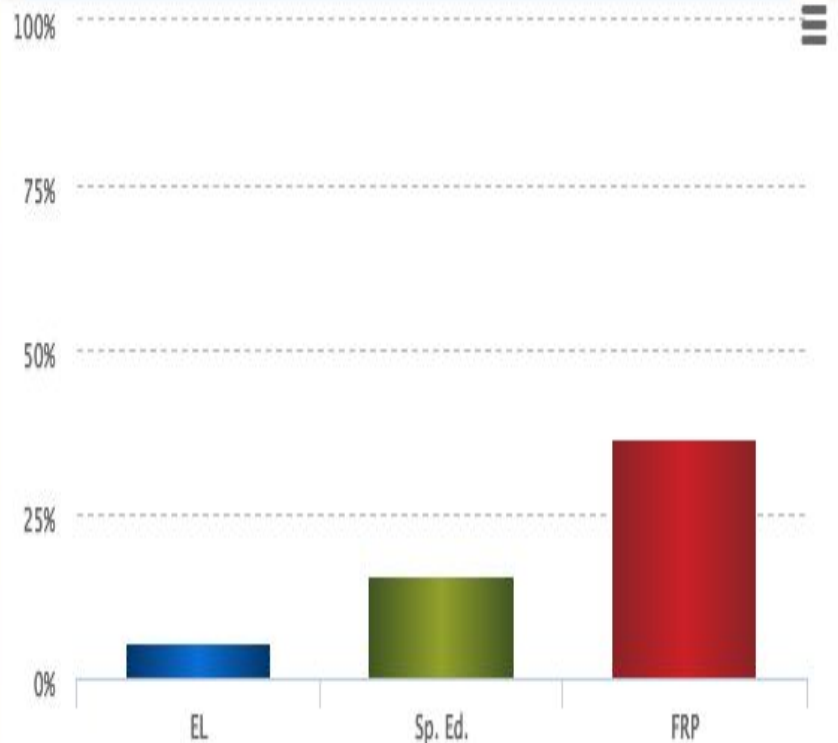
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Special Populations: CFS

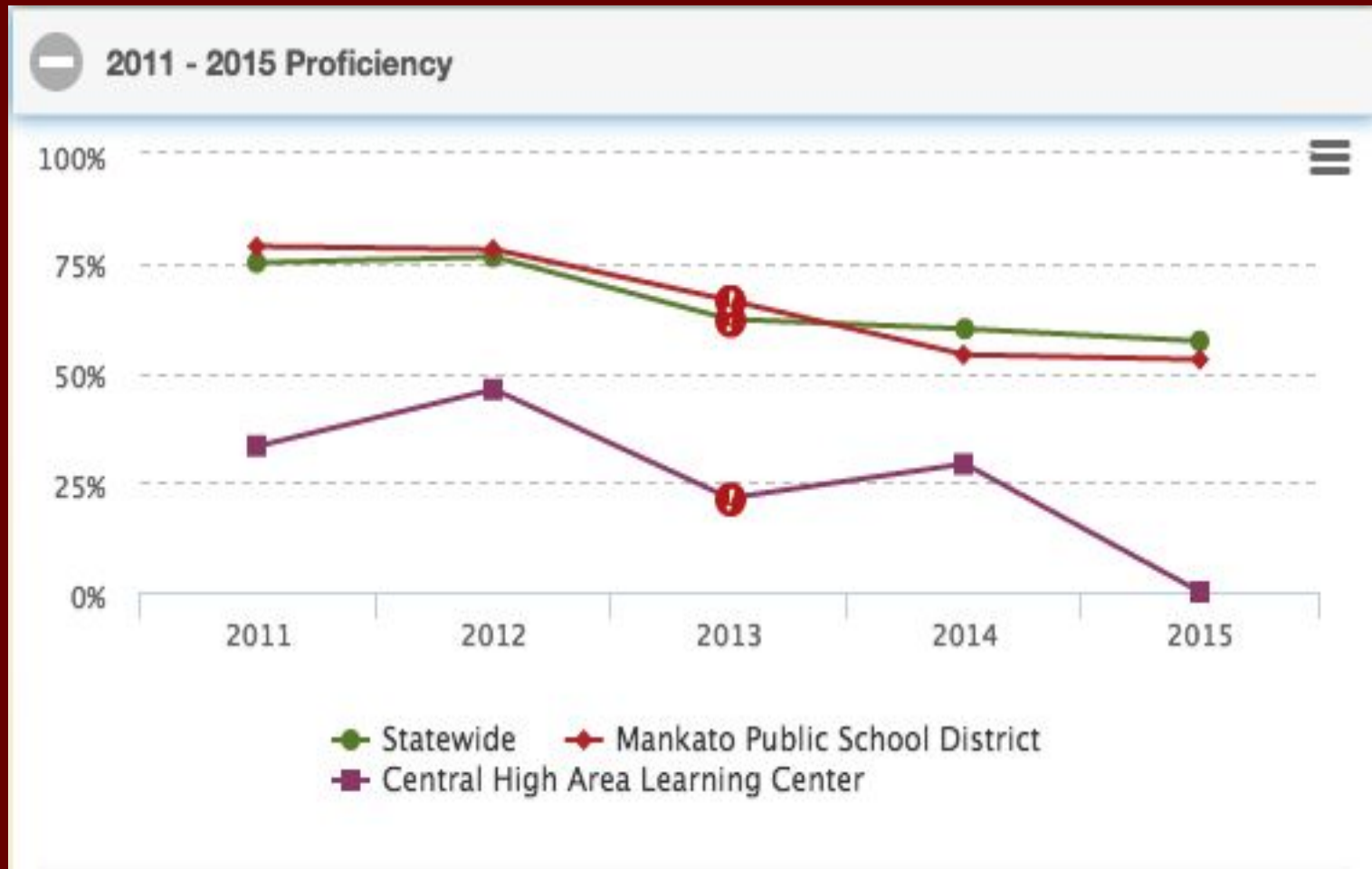
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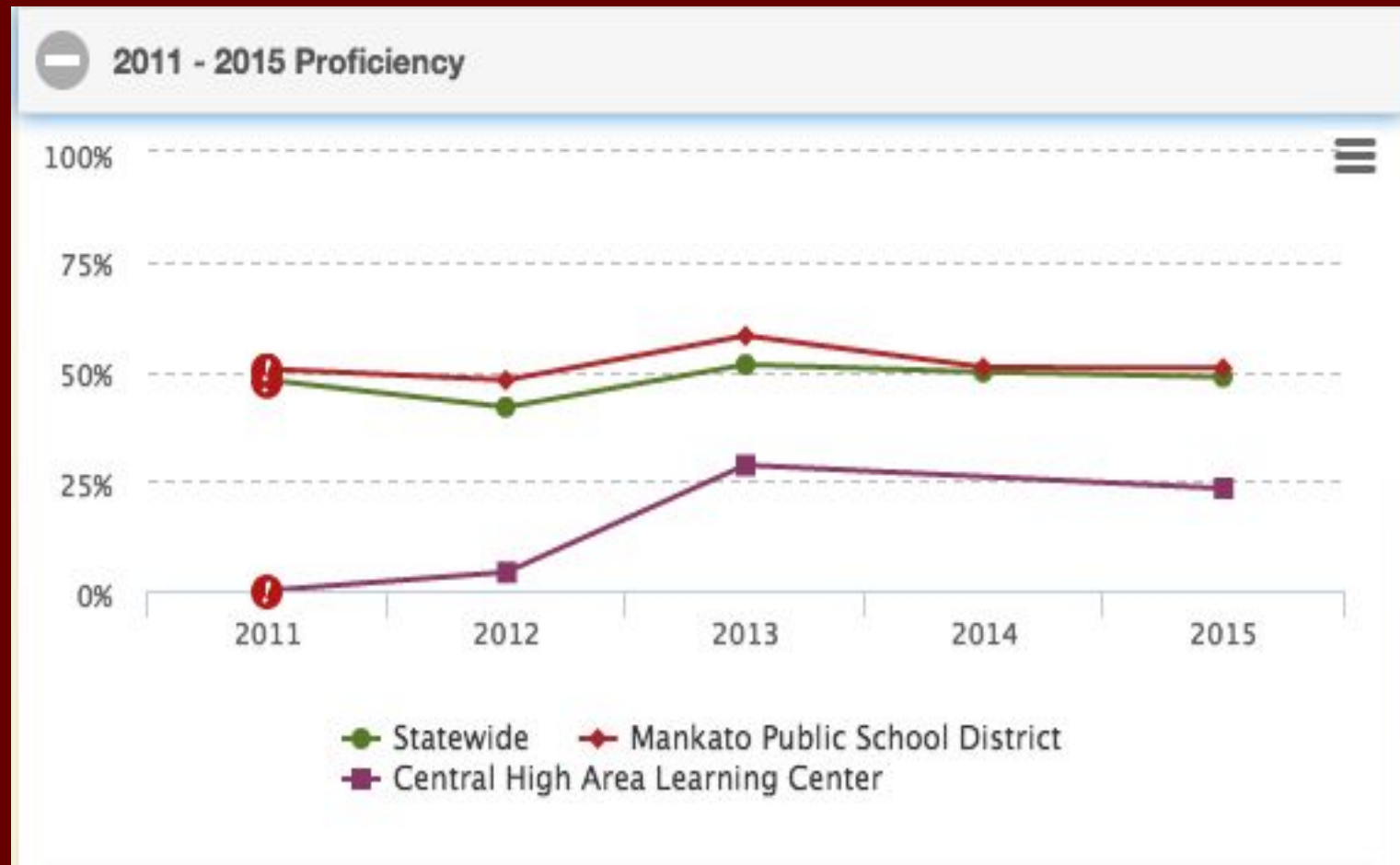
2015 Enrollment by Special Population



Central Reading Trend Data



Central Math Trend Data



Tri-School Model (Central, East, West)

Purpose and Structure

- Extends collaboration = improved use of PLC time
- Stronger communication
- Support of work at each building
 - Shared resources
 - Professional development

Faculty implementing instructional strategies focused on *The Five Essential Steps of Learning*

(Strategic Directions A and E)

- Establishing Essential Questions
- Gathering Information
- Questioning/Connecting
- Summarizing
- Reviewing/Revising/Reflecting

Faculty implementing instructional strategies focused on *The Five Essential Steps of Learning*. (Strategic Directions A and E)

Student Learning and Engagement:

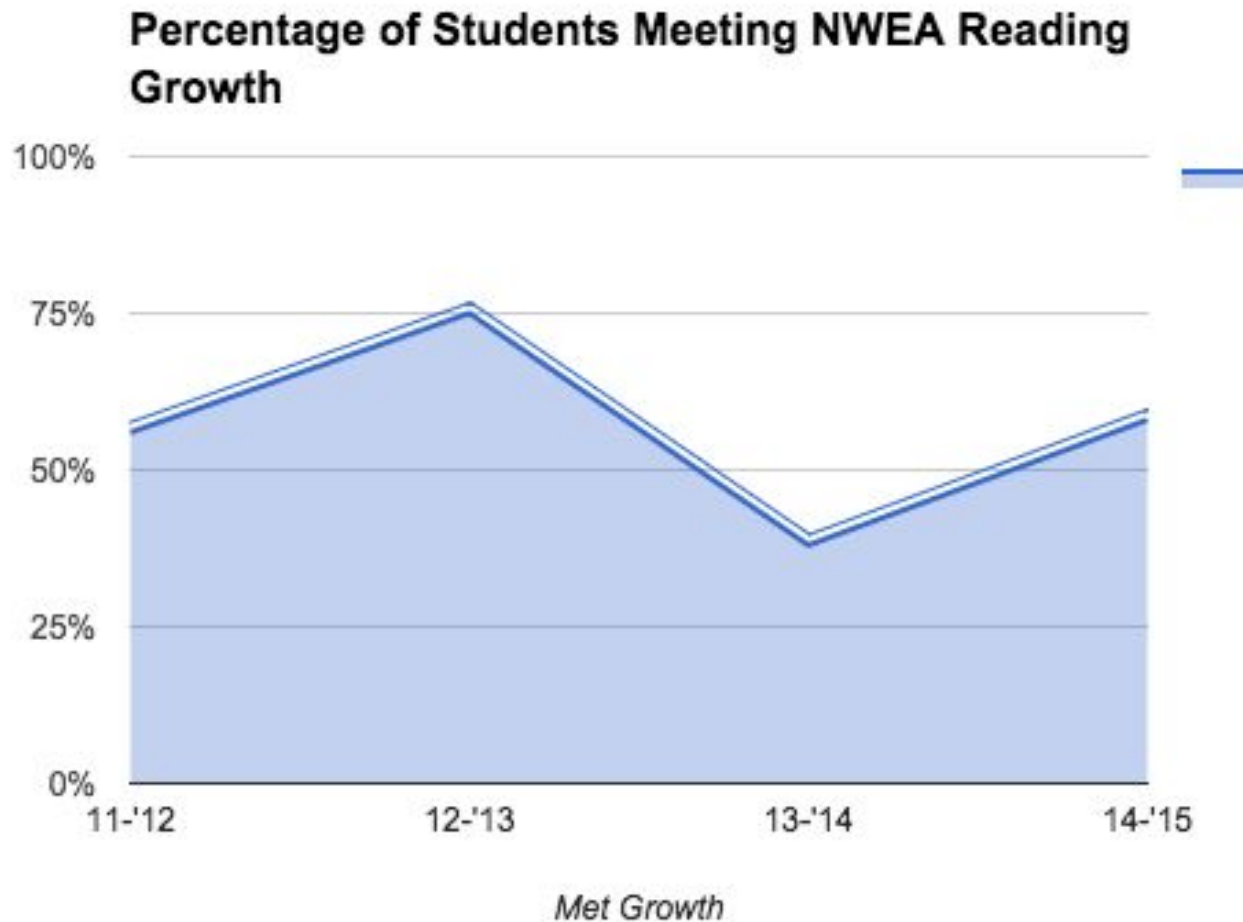
- WICOR Wednesday (set up to attend at East)
- RTI/PBIS
- Quarterly Staff Meetings
- Tri-School Professional Development
- Biweekly Building Improvement Meetings
- Techie Tuesdays (East media specialist)
- Weekly Advisory Groups
- Continual Learning Plan/Quarterly Goal Setting

Use *Formative Assessment* data to inform and adjust instruction

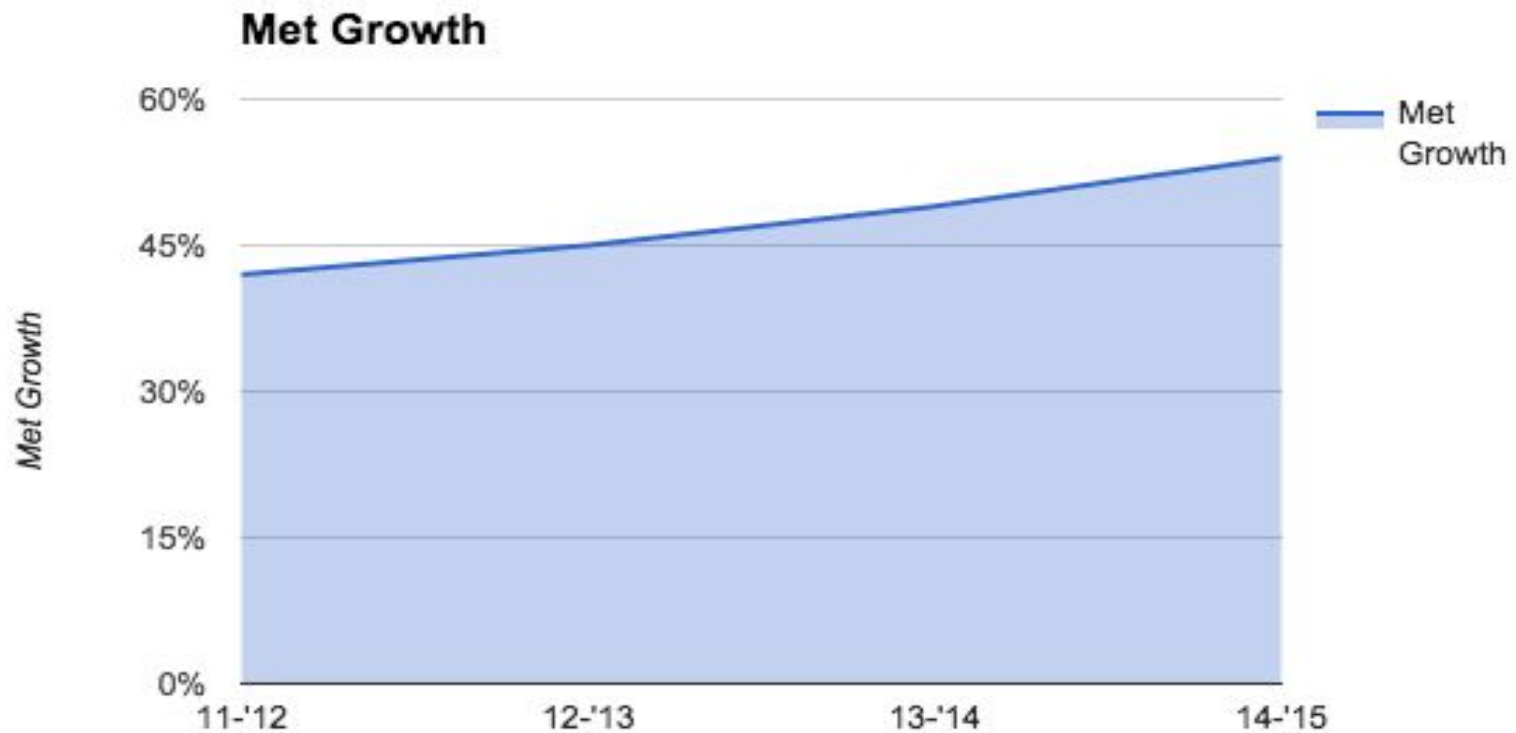
(Strategic Direction A)

- NWEA scores for all students
- NWEA goal setting, track student growth
- Using NWEA scores as a formative assessment to differentiate instruction
- PLC– Creating Formative Assessments to assess ELAs and altering instruction based on data
- Pear Deck training to use as assessment tool

NWEA Trend Reading Growth



NWEA Trend Math Growth



Raise achievement of all students on school-wide reading assessments.

(Strategic Directions A and E)

- WICOR Wednesday
- PLC work with embedding ELA standards
- RTI/PBIS Monthly
- Quarterly Staff Meetings
- Tri-School Professional Development
- NWEA Goal Setting for each student
- Biweekly Building Improvement Meeting
- Differentiating instruction based on formative assessments

Mankato Area Learning Center has a welcoming environment.

(Strategic Direction B)

- Parent/Student Survey
- Quarterly Conferences
- Intake Meetings
- Student Council
- Friday Advisory Period
- Central Freedom School Advisory Committee
- Central Freedom School Fundraising Committee

Increase completion rates of all students.

(Strategic Direction C)

- Attendance Committee
- Weekly Truancy Meetings
- Attendance Make Up
- Mandatory Attendance Make Up/Closed Lunch
- Student/Principal Advisory Committee
- Weekly RTI/PBIS Team Meeting

Thank you !

Questions?



School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 4. C.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Sheri L. Allen, Superintendent

Item Type: Information

Subject:

Board Member Workshop/Committee Reports

Background:

Board members will have an opportunity to provide brief reports on recent workshops they have attended or on committees they are serving on.

Recommended Action:

None

School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 5. A.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Sheri L. Allen, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Approval of Minutes of the January 4, 2016, Regular Meeting

Background:

See attachment.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the minutes as presented.

Attachments

Minutes - January 4, 2016, Regular Meeting

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77
Mankato, Minnesota

January 4, 2016

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, January 4, in the Mankato Room of the Intergovernmental Center to organize for 2016.

The Honorable Brad Walker swore in new School Board member Abdi Sabrie.

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Kinney Eberhart, Sara Hansen, Ann Hendricks, Abdi Sabrie and Jodi Sapp. Members absent: Kristi Schuck.

Mrs. Brandon moved, and Mrs. Brandon seconded, approval of the agenda together with a personnel addendum. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

OPEN FORUM - No one wished to speak.

Nominations were opened for the position of Chairperson. Ms. Sapp nominated Ann Hendricks, seconded by Mrs. Brandon. Hearing no other nominations, Mrs. Brandon made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Hendricks. Ms. Hansen seconded the motion and it carried on a 6-0 voice vote. Mrs. Hendricks was declared Chairperson.

Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Mrs. Brandon nominated Jodi Sapp, seconded by Ms. Hansen. Hearing no other nominations, Mrs. Brandon made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Sapp. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hansen and carried on a 6-0 voice vote. Ms. Sapp was declared Vice-Chairperson.

Nominations for the position of Clerk were declared open. Mrs. Brandon nominated Sara Hansen, seconded by Ms. Sapp. Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Sapp made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Hansen. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Eberhart and carried on a 6-0 voice vote. Ms. Hansen was declared Clerk.

Nominations for the position of Treasurer were opened, with Ms. Hansen nominating Judi Brandon. Mrs. Eberhart seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Sapp made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Brandon. Ms. Hansen seconded the motion and it carried on a 6-0 voice vote. Mrs. Brandon was declared Treasurer.

Mrs. Eberhart made a motion to appoint Barb Macrafcic as Deputy Clerk. Ms. Hansen seconded the motion and it carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Brandon made a motion to approve the following resolution designating official depositories for the School District. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hansen and carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, US Bank Mankato, The Voyager Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., ProGrowth Bank, 1st National Bank, Frandsen Bank, MinnStar Bank, Wells Federal Savings and Loan Association, Twin City Federal National Bank, Pioneer Bank and the Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund Plus be, and are hereby designated as depositories of this School District with authority to accept or receive, at any time, deposits for the credit of this School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That checks, drafts, or other orders for payment with the depositories must be signed, actually or by use of a facsimile signature, by all three of the following officers of Independent School District No. 77:

_____, Clerk
_____, Chairperson
_____, Treasurer

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Sheri L. Allen or Jerry R. Kolander is authorized to transfer between depository accounts School District funds as they determine necessary in the normal operation of the School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Sheri L. Allen or Jerry R. Kolander is authorized to purchase Certificates of Deposit and Commercial Paper in name of Independent School District No. 77, Mankato, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Sheri L. Allen or Jerry R. Kolander is authorized to wire transfer funds to pay principal and interest payments due on school building bonds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall continue in force until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been furnished to and received by the depositories.

School Board Policy 216 provides for the appointment of legal counsel for the School District. Ms. Hansen made a motion to name the following firms as legal counsel for 2015 to be paid on an hourly basis for services rendered:

Blethen, Gage and Krause Law Firm
Knutson, Flynn and Deans Law Firm
Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A.
Kennedy and Graven Law Office

Mrs. Eberhart seconded the motion and it carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Eberhart, seconded by Mr. Sabrie, to name the Mankato *Free Press* as the School District's official newspaper for 2016. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

A motion to approve the following resolution relating to expenses for School Board meetings was made by Ms. Sapp and seconded by Mrs. Brandon. The motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 77 that:

- 1. WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the School District to occasionally invite members of the public, members of other public boards and bodies, and members of the school staff to School Board meetings, and*
- 2. WHEREAS, at many School Board meetings, good public relations make it advisable to provide coffee and meals on special occasions as determined by the School Board, to persons attending such meetings in the interest of the District,*
- 3. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District pay the cost of meals when occasionally furnished to members of the School Board and others who attend meetings held in the interest of the School District and that the School District do likewise provide, at the expense of the District, coffee for all persons attending said meetings in the interest of good public relations for the benefit of the School District and the students served thereby.*

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has set up a process for assigning an Identified Official with Authority. The system is called the External User Access Recertification System and the process, implemented in Spring 2015, will provide consistency for external user access to all MDE secured systems protected by an MDE User Account. The School Board must designate the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access annually, as well as any time there is a change in the assignment of the Identified Official with Authority. This certification of the Identified Official with Authority designation is in accordance with Minnesota State Access Control Security Standard 1.0. The District may assign this role to more than one person or to a person other than the Superintendent or Director. The School Board minutes must clearly specify this role assignment. Mrs. Brandon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Eberhart, to designate Sheri L. Allen, Superintendent, and Barb Macraic, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/School Board Deputy Clerk to the role of Identified Official with Authority. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Most state- and federally-funded programs require that the School Board authorize an agent to execute and file funding applications for the School District and act as its official representative in those programs. Ms. Hansen made a motion to designate Superintendent Sheri Allen or her designee as the School District's agent for filing the applications and representing the District. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Eberhart and carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Eberhart made a motion to affirm the meeting schedule for 2016 as shown below. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brandon and carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, January 4, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 1, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 16, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 7, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 21, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 4, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 18, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 2, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 16, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 6, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 20, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, July 11, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 8, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 6, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, September 19, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 3, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 17, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 7, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 21, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 6, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.
Monday, December 19, 2016	Civic Center Plaza	5:30 p.m.

A school board member may be employed by a school district as an employee as long as the board member's annual earnings do not exceed \$8,000 per year. The school board must give unanimous approval for a board member to be employed. The administration recommended that the School Board take unanimous action to employ Board member Kinney Eberhart for calendar year 2016 as follows:

Kinney Eberhart - Substitute Teacher

A motion was made by Ms. Sapp, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve the employment of Board members as presented. The motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote with Mrs. Eberhart abstaining from the vote.

Ms. Sapp made a motion to approve the following School Board Member Committee Assignments and School Assignments:

School Board Committee Assignments for 2016

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| Judi Brandon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior High Student Advisory Council Facilitator • Legislative Committee • Central Freedom School Fundraising Committee • Construction Committee • Finance Committee • Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) Financial Adv. Committee • Negotiations Committee (Teachers) |
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Sara Hansen	• Blue Earth County Help Me Grow Committee • Region 9 IEIC • Finance Committee • Meet and Confer Committee • Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) Financial Adv. Committee • Negotiations Committee (Custodians)
Ann Hendricks	• World's Best Workforce • MSHSL Representative • MSBA Delegate Assembly • Sick Leave Bank Committee • Legislative Committee • Diversity Council • Negotiations Committee (Teachers)
Kristi Schuck	• Wellness Committee • Citizens Energy Advisory Committee • Transportation Committee • Community Services Advisory Committee • Educare Foundation • Negotiations Committee (Secretaries)
Jodi Sapp	• Special Education Parent Advisory Council • South Central Service Cooperative Board • MSDLAF+ Board of Trustees • Negotiations Committee (Principals)
Kinney Eberhart	• Diversity Council • Professional Development Advisory Committee • Meet and Confer Committee • Continuing Education Committee • Negotiations Committee (Food Service)
Abdi Sabrie	• Junior High/Middle School Student Advisory Council Facilitator • Transportation Committee • Youth Community Team • Negotiations Committee (Paraprofessionals)

Board Member School Assignments through June 30, 2016

Ann Hendricks	• Franklin Elementary School • Central High School • Bridges Community School
Sara Hansen	• East Senior High School • Washington Elementary School
Kinney Eberhart	• Kennedy Elementary School • Central Freedom School • Student Support Services Center
Judi Brandon	• East Junior High School • Jefferson Elementary School • Eagle Lake Elementary School

Jodi Sapp	• Dakota Meadows Middle School • Monroe Elementary School
Abdi Sabrie	• Hoover Elementary School • Rosa Parks Elementary School
Kristi Schuck	• Roosevelt Elementary School • West Senior High School

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brandon and carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

The consent agenda items outlined below were approved on a motion by Ms. Sapp, seconded by Mrs. Eberhart, and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of the December 21, 2015, regular Board meeting.

Personnel:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Christina Woodside - Part-time (0.29 FTEs) ADSIS Teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School beginning January 11 and ending June 3, 2016. She will be placed on step 10 of the Masters lane of the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Ashley Butcher - Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 5, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Maddie Johnson - ACES Aide at Kennedy Elementary for three hours per week, beginning January 4, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 per hour.

Sonia Knoff - Early Childhood Special Education Paraprofessional at Rosa Parks Elementary School (6.75 T/W/Th and 3.75 hours per day on Mondays) for a total of 24 hours per week beginning January 4, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Seth Meyer - Evening Custodian at East Junior/Senior High School beginning December 21, 2015. He will be placed at step 1 of the A13 classification of the Maintenance and Custodial Workers Association with an hourly rate of \$12.69.

Christine White - Cook's Helper at West High School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 4, 2016. She will be placed at step 2 of the Cook's Helper classification of the School Food Service Workers Association

salary schedule.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Jennifer Schwartz, ECFE Teacher - Salary wage adjustment for \$22.39 per hour beginning January 4, 2016.

Katherine Sump - Increase in ABE teaching assignment from .24 FTEs to .63 FTEs beginning January 4, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$25.35 per hour.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NON-AFFILIATED)

Kelsey Rounds, Nutrition & Wellness Specialist, has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on or about February 15 and ending on or about April 15, 2016.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Sandy Barger - General Education Paraprofessional at Kennedy Elementary School, effective as of January 4, 2016.

LaVaughn Booker - Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School effective as of January 4, 2016.

Rebecca Hudson - ACES Assistant, effective as of December 16, 2015.

Cory Johnson - Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School. His last date of employment will be January 4, 2016.

Maddie Johnson - ACES Assistant Supervisor, effective as of December 16, 2015.

Travon Jones - Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School. His last date of employment will be January 4, 2016.

Amelia Mattie - ECFE/SR Teaching Assistant effective as of January 14, 2016.

Hassan Noor - NonClassroom (Playground) Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School, effective as of December 22, 2015.

Wanda Schwartz, Cook's Helper at Monroe Elementary School has submitted her resignation for purposes of retirement, effective as of February 1, 2016.

The following gifts have been received by the School District:

Analog Devices of Norwood, Massachusetts donated \$1000 to the East High VEX Robotics program.

The Dennis K. and Vivian D. Siemer Scholarship Foundation donated \$6,000 to be used for MakerSpace programs in the elementary schools and four VEX Robotics kits for high school/middle school use.

Ana Ovalle donated \$100 to the East High Gymnastics program.

Futures received a grant of \$5,000 from the Prairie Ecology Bus Center.

Mrs. Brandon made a motion to accept the gifts and send a note of thanks. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sapp and carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

The Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting System (UFARS) requires that expenditures be recognized as obligations when a purchase order is issued. These requirements interface with another law which requires that no funds be expended by a school district for any purpose in a school year prior to the adoption of spending authority. Mankato Area Public Schools normally begins to purchase supplies and equipment for the next year in the preceding spring. Since purchase orders are considered to be expenditures at the time of issuance, and since no expenditures can be made unless spending authorization has been granted, it is necessary for the School Board to provide such spending authority prior to the adoption of our official budget in June. In order to meet requirements of UFARS, and to allow purchasing to begin for the next year, Ms. Hansen made a motion to authorize spending authority for 2016-2017 restricted to 90% of the 2015-2016 budget limits on textbooks, library books, general supplies, custodial supplies, equipment, and departmental supplies. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Eberhart and carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

There being no further business to consider, Ms. Sapp moved and Mr. Sabrie seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:04 p.m., on a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk _____

Attest:

Chairperson _____

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77
Mankato, Minnesota

January 4, 2016

The School Board of Independent School District No. 77 met in regular session on Monday, January 4, in the Mankato Room of the Intergovernmental Center to organize for 2016. The Honorable Brad Walker swore in new School Board member Abdi Sabrie. Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present at roll call: Judi Brandon, Kinney Eberhart, Sara Hansen, Ann Hendricks, Abdi Sabrie and Jodi Sapp. Members absent: Kristi Schuck.

1. Hansen/Brandon approval of agenda with personnel addendum. 6-0
2. Open Forum - none.
3. Brandon/Hansen elect Ann Hendricks as Chairperson. 6-0
4. Brandon/Hansen elect Jodi Sapp as Vice-Chairperson. 6-0
5. Sapp/Eberhart elect Sara Hansen as Clerk. 6-0
6. Sapp/Hansen elect Judi Brandon as Treasurer. 6-0
7. Eberhart/Hansen appoint Barb Macrafi as Deputy Clerk. 6-0
8. Brandon/Hansen approval of resolution designating official depositories for 2016. 6-0
9. Hansen/Eberhart approval of legal counsel for 2016. 6-0
10. Eberhart/Sabrie name Mankato *Free Press* as official newspaper. 6-0
11. Sapp/Brandon approval of expenses for Board meetings. 6-0
12. Brandon/Eberhart designate Supt. Allen and Deputy Clerk Barb Macrafi as Identified Official with Authority for MDE Secure Website Access. 6-0
13. Hansen/Eberhart designate Superintendent Allen or her designee as the official agent for filing and executing funding applications for state- and federally-funded programs. 6-0
14. Eberhart/Hansen confirm meeting schedule for 2016. 6-0
15. Sapp/Hansen approval of employment of School Board member. 5-0
16. Sapp/Brandon approval of School Board member committee and school assignments. 6-0
17. Sapp/Eberhart approval of Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Minutes of the December 21, 2015, regular meeting; Approval of Personnel Items. 6-0
18. Brandon/Sapp acceptance of gifts and grants. 6-0
19. Hansen/Eberhart to establish purchasing authority for 2016-2017. 6-0
20. Sapp/Sabrie adjournment at 6:04 p.m. 6-0.

Independent School District No. 77
Mankato, Minnesota
By: Sara Hansen, Clerk

The complete minutes and all documents relating to this meeting are on file and available for review in the Superintendent's Office, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 2 and on-line at www.isd77.org.

School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 5. B.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Jerry Kolander, Director of Business Affairs

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Approval of January Bills

Background:

At our meeting on Monday evening, the administrative team will be prepared to answer any questions you might have regarding the report on claims and accounts for January. The total of the bills for January of 2016 is \$5,151,156.90.

Recommended Action:

The claims are recommended for payment as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 5. C.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Eric Hudspeth, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Personnel

Background:

APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Katelyn Delaney – Long Term Substitute Teacher for Jenna Byron at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning on or about February 5 and ending on or about April 29, 2016. She will be placed on step 1 of the B lane of the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Bretta Hansen - ExCel Teacher at Hoover Elementary School beginning February 1 and ending April 13, 2016. She will be compensated according to her placement on the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Samantha Steinman – Full-time (1.00 FTEs) School Psychologist beginning January 11, 2016 for the 2015-16 school year. She will be placed on step 1 of the M lane of the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Nicole Zitur –Contract Substitute Mathematics Teacher for Sarah Doll at East Junior High School beginning on or about January 20, 2016 for the 2015-16 school year. She will be placed on step 1 of the B lane of the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Mohamed Ahmed – NonClassroom (playground) Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School for 2 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. He will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour.

McKayla Aubrey – ACES Assistant at Jefferson/Monroe Elementary Schools for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Sydney Bartels – ACES Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 3 hours per day/4 days per week beginning January 12, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Tyler Benschoter - Adult Basic Education Teaching Assistant for 3 hours per day/4 days per week beginning January 11, 2016 through June 2, 2016. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Lisa Crockett – Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

John Dabla – ACES Assistant at Hoover/Kennedy Elementary Schools for 3 hours per day/4 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. He will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Kayla DeChaine – ACES Assistant Supervisor at Franklin Elementary School for 4 hours per day/5 days per week beginning December 16, 2015. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.50 per hour.

Gretchen Dehn – ACES Assistant at Hoover/Washington Elementary Schools for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Elizabeth Drahota – General Education/NonClassroom (playground) Paraprofessional at Kennedy Elementary School beginning January 11, 2016. Her assignment will be General Education Paraprofessional for 4 hours per day/5 days per week and Non-Classroom (playground) Paraprofessional for 1 hour per day/5 days per week for a total of 25 hours per week. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour.

Courtney Faragher – ACES Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Lily Follansbee – ACES Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Jessica Gadbaw – ACES Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 12, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Kim Gustavson – Transfer from the position of Media Clerk/NonClassroom Paraprofessional at East Junior High School to the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Kennedy Elementary School for 4.5 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$12.50 per hour according to the agreement between the District and Minnesota School Employees Association.

Taylor Heneman – ACES Assistant at Monroe Elementary School for 3.25 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Carly Lovegren – ACES Assistant at Kennedy Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Pat Marzinske – WIDA ACCESS Testing Team Member from January 11 through April 1 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$20 per hour.

Victoria Meinhardt – Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant at Franklin Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/3 days per week (M/W/F) beginning January 4, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$17.76 per hour.

Mary Jo Mickelson – Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School for 6.25 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 8, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Kara Morness – 4-Hour Evening Custodian at Kennedy Elementary School beginning January 14, 2016. She will be placed on classification A13 of the Maintenance and Custodial Association salary schedule with an hourly rate of \$12.69 per hour.

Kacey Newberry – ACES Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 3 hours per day/2 days per week beginning January 12, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Claire Otto – ACES Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School for 3 hours per day/2 days per week beginning January 14, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Danielle Petruska – ACES Supervisor at Jefferson Elementary School for approximately 28 hours per week beginning January 4, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$11.50 per hour.

Haley Ross – ACES Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/2 days per week beginning January 12, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Matthias Sadusky - Adult Basic Education Teaching Assistant for 3 hours per day/4 days per week beginning January 11, 2016 through June 2, 2016. He will be compensated at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Tori Sautner – ACES Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Eric Schley – ACES Assistant at Kennedy/Eagle Lake Elementary Schools for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. He will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Sarah Schroeder – Long Term Substitute Structured Study Center Supervisor for Kelly Solomon at Jefferson Elementary School for 6.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 8 and ending on or about February 15, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour.

Hannah Seurer – ACES Assistant at Eagle Lake Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Kylie Skare – ACES Assistant at Holy Rosary for 3.25 hours per day/2 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. He will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Nathan Steele – ACES Assistant at Hoover Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 11, 2016. He will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Elizabeth Thier – ACES Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/3 days per week beginning January 12, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

Katherine Weber – ACES Supervisor at Roosevelt Elementary School for approximately 25 hours per week beginning January 4, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.25 per hour.

Megan Wirtjes – ACES Assistant at Roosevelt Elementary School for 3 hours per day/4 days per week beginning January 5, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$9.50 hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Christopher Schlueter – Increase in assignment with the addition of 0.083 FTEs for the second semester only of the 2015-16 school year.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Alisa Boswell, Community Education & Recreation Enrichment Supervisor – Salary increase to \$38,251.20, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Nicole Brunick, ACES Site Supervisor – Salary increase to \$33,321.60, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Joan Glaubitz-Morrison, Preschool Supervisor – Salary increase to \$46,310.56, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Andrea Greenwald, ACES Program Coordinator – Salary increase to \$55,577.60, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Elisabeth Johnson, ACES Site Supervisor – Salary increase to \$33,321.60, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Lake Johnson, Recreation Specialist – Salary increase to \$46,675.20, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Molly Madden, Recreation Coordinator – Salary increase to \$57,532.80, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Courtney Meier, ACES Site Supervisor – Salary increase to \$33,321.60, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Melanie Schmidt, Youth Development Program Coordinator – Salary increase to \$49,961.60, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Denise Schumacher, ECCE/School Readiness Coordinator - Salary increase to \$63,897.60, effective as of July 1, 2015.

Karen Wolters, Adult Basic Education Coordinator - Salary increase to \$63,897.60, effective as of July 1, 2015.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Jamie Bahl – Increase in Intervention Paraprofessional assignment from 2.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 2.75 hours per day/4 days per week (M-Th) and 3.75 hours per day on Fridays beginning November 30, 2015 and adding NonClassroom (playground) Paraprofessional for 1.75 hours per day/1 day per week (F) beginning January 8, 2016 for a total of 16.5 hours per week. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour for the playground assignment.

Julianne Blaine – Transfer from Special Education Paraprofessional to Behavior Intervention Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School, effective as of January 11, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.49 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Susan Sullivan – Decrease in NonClassroom (playground) Paraprofessional assignment from 1.75 hours per day/5 days per week to 1.75 hours per day/4 days per week (M-Th) beginning January 6, 2016. This is in addition to her Intervention Paraprofessional assignment for 2.58 hours per day/5 days per week.

SALARY LANE ADVANCEMENTS

In accordance with the terms of the agreement between the Mankato Teachers Association and the District, teachers have submitted their requests for salary lane advancement. Each of these requests has been reviewed and a list of those qualifying for salary lane advancement for the 2015-16 school year is shown below. The salary lane advancements will be retroactive to the beginning of January of the 2015-16 school year. The Administration recommends that the Board approve the salary lane advancements.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Bollmann, Darci	M+30	M+45
Ewel, Sandra	M+30	M+45
Johnson, Michael	M+30	Specialist
Murphy, Staci	M	M+30
Osman, Akram	B+30	M
Richardson, Christopher	B+15	B+30
Rodriguez, Veronika	B+30	M
Walker, Tyson	M+30	Specialist

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Shonita Harper - Grade 2 Teaching Fellow, has requested an unpaid leave beginning on or about May 16 and continuing through the end of the 2015-16 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Stephanie Noland – Volunteer Specialist, has requested a leave under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act commencing on or about February 22, 2016, and continuing through March 11, 2016.

RESIGNATIONS (NON-AFFILIATED)

Molly Madden - Recreation Coordinator, effective as of February 26, 2016.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Annah Busch – ACES Assistant, effective as of December 22, 2015.

Katherine Hendel – Special Education Paraprofessional at East Senior High School, effective as of January 22, 2016.

Brandon Kindred – Special Education Paraprofessional at Franklin Elementary School, effective as of December 22, 2015.

Nina Klingel - Cook Manager at Roosevelt Elementary School, has submitted her resignation for purposes of retirement effective as of March 31, 2016.

Callan Lowen - Special Education LifeSkills Paraprofessional at West High School, effective as of January 21, 2016.

Iraca Peterson – Laundry Worker at West High School, effective as of January 21, 2016.

Hannah Sanders – Special Education Paraprofessional at Monroe Elementary School, effective as of January 19, 2016.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the personnel items as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting**ITEM NUMBER: 5. C. 1.****Meeting Date:** 01/19/2016**Prepared By:** Eric Hudspeth, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development**Item Type:** Action**Subject:**

Personnel - Addendum

Background:**APPOINTMENTS (INSTRUCTIONAL)**

Jake Christenson – Long Term Substitute Teacher for April Malphurs at Hoover Elementary School beginning January 13 and ending April 25, 2016. He will be placed on step 1 of the B lane of the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Lindsey Northenscald – Parent Educator for 2.5 hours per day/1 day per week beginning January 13, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$20.91 per hour.

Amanda Peters – Long Term Substitute Teacher for Amber Baumann at Dakota Meadows Middle School beginning on or about February 1 and ending on or about April 29, 2016. She will be placed on step 1 of the B lane of the Teachers Association salary schedule.

Nathan Slama – Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher for Adam Doll at East High School beginning on or about January 21, 2016 and continuing for a period of 20 days. He will be placed on step 1 of the B lane of the Teachers Association salary schedule.

APPOINTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Jeanette Barsness – WIDA ACCESS Testing Team Member from January 11 through April 1, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$20 per hour.

Kelsey Lagasse – Special Education (Job Coach) Paraprofessional districtwide for 5.5 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 18, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$10.86 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Mary Motter – WIDA ACCESS Testing Team Member from January 11 through April 1, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$20 per hour.

Tessi Truebenbach – Special Education Lifeskills Paraprofessional at Dakota Meadows Middle School for 6.75 hours per day/5 days per week beginning January 26, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$13.49 per hour in accordance with the agreement between the District and the Minnesota School Employees Association.

Mary Clare Wyrowski – WIDA ACCESS Testing Team Member from January 11 through April 1, 2016. She will be compensated at the rate of \$20 per hour.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Debra Wahl – Increase in Special Education Paraprofessional assignment from 6.75 hours per day/2 days per week (M/W) and 6.42 hours per day/2 days per week (T/Th) to 6.75 hours per day/2 days per week (M/W) and 6.5 hours per day/2 days per week (T/Th) for a total of 26.5 hours per week, effective as of January 4, 2016.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Neil Paarmann - Physical Education Teacher at West High School, has submitted a request for a leave

under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act beginning January 11 and continuing through the 2015-16 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

Reanna Manthe – Requesting an extension of her Board approved leave on an intermittent basis through the end of the 2015-16 school year.

RESIGNATIONS (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Stacy Klinkner – Early Childhood Teacher has submitted her resignation effective as of January 15, 2016.

Sara Winkelman – ADSIS Counselor at East Junior High has submitted her resignation effective as of January 22, 2016.

RESIGNATIONS (NONINSTRUCTIONAL)

William Anderson, Jr. - Head Building Engineer at Dakota Meadows Middle School has submitted his resignation, for purposes of retirement, effective as of March 31, 2016.

Bonnie Dahl – East Junior High Success Coach, effective as of January 29, 2016.

Shelley Gerlitz - Special Education Paraprofessional at West High School has submitted her resignation, for purposes of retirement, effective as of March 31, 2016.

Alicia Kranz – Playground Paraprofessional at Washington Elementary School, effective as of January 13, 2016.

Samantha Steinman – Behavior Intervention Paraprofessional at East/Kennedy Schools, effective as of December 31, 2015.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the personnel items as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 6. A.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Sheri L. Allen, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Acceptance of Gifts and Grants

Background:

The City of North Mankato has donated \$3,000 to be distributed as follows:

- \$500 to Lancers
- \$500 to Community Education & Recreation Summer Parks Program
- \$500 to DMMS Public Achievement Program
- \$500 to District 77 Student Activities
- \$500 to Monroe PTO
- \$500 to Hoover PTO

Scheels donated \$250 to the East High Orchestra.

The Mankato Area Foundation provided a gift of \$18,000 to Lincoln Community Center for Connecting Kids Outreach.

Jim Grabowska donated a drum set and a bass valued at \$3,000 to the East High Music Department.

Washington Elementary School received \$1,000 through GiveMN.

Taylor Corporation donated \$12,500 to ECFE for Ready! for Kindergarten.

South Central College donated \$689.98 to the East High Vex Robotics Program.

Monroe Elementary received a \$500 grant from Walmart to be used for Chromebooks.

Robert Chesley donated \$1,000 to the Central High School FACS Program.

Central Freedom School received the following donations:

- William and Ruthann Vihstadt - \$100
- Pam and Gerald Bartholomew - \$100
- Sandra Parks - \$100

West High Orchestis received the following donations:

- Buffalo Wild Wings - \$151.45
- MinnStar Bank - \$100
- The Pita Pit - \$155
- FUN.com Inc. - \$200
- Southern Minnesota Orthodontics - \$100
- Schwickerts Tecta America - \$100
- Valley News - \$150
- Mankato Harley Davidson - \$100
- Michael and Wanda Lloyd - \$250
- Consolidated Communications - \$500

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends Board acceptance of these generous gifts and grants.

School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 6. B.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Sheri L. Allen, Superintendent

Item Type: Action

Subject:

Approval of Resolution Supporting East and West High School Grant Request

Background:

In 2007 the State Legislature passed a law which dedicated the sales tax proceeds from Sectional and State Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) events to the MSHSL Foundation. The MSHSL Foundation provides grants back to MSHSL members to support scholarships for students qualifying for a free or reduced price lunch to participate in co-curricular activities. The grant guidelines require that the School Board pass a resolution detailing how the funds will be used. The administration recommends approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING
FORM B APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA
STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the District #77 School Board recognizes the value of students participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts to providing seminars/training opportunities or support for specific school functions for students/faculty members/officials and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of the Mankato Area Public Schools supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a Form B grant.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the resolution as presented.

School Board Regular Meeting

ITEM NUMBER: 6. C.

Meeting Date: 01/19/2016

Prepared By: Jerry Kolander, Director of Business Affairs

Item Type:

Subject:

Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds - ADDENDUM

Background:

Northland Securities, our financial advisory firm, has recommended that we forward refund a portion of our Series 2008 General Obligation Bonds. Northland Securities has estimated that our school district can save our local property taxpayers an estimated \$950,000 by the refinancing of this debt. The recommended resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CROSSOVER REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016A; COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 77, (Mankato Area Public Schools), State of Minnesota (herein, the "District"), as follows:

- 1. The School Board hereby finds and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the District to sell and issue fully registered General Obligation Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A in the total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,700,000 (herein, the "Series 2016A Bonds"). The proceeds of the Series 2016A Bonds will be used to crossover refund, on February 1, 2019, all or a portion of the February 1, 2020 through 2027 maturities of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2008A, dated August 1, 2008 as the date of original issue (the "Series 2008A Bonds").*
- 2. The School Board desires to proceed with the sale of the Bonds by direct negotiation with Northland Securities, Inc. (herein, "NSI"). NSI will purchase the Bonds in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the City.*
- 3. The Board Chair and the Superintendent or the Director of Business Affairs are hereby authorized to approve the sale of the Series 2016A Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,700,000 and to execute a bond purchase agreement for the purchase of the Bonds with NSI, provided the total savings is at least \$950,000 and the savings meet the 3% savings test as set forth in Minnesota Statutes 475.67, subdivision 12.*
- 4. Upon approval of the sale of the Bonds by the Board Chair and the Superintendent or the Director of Business Affairs, the School Board will take action at its next regularly scheduled or special meeting thereafter to adopt the necessary approving resolutions as prepared by the District's bond counsel.*
- 5.*
 - (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Bond Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount*

sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Bond Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Bond Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now or hereafter established by the Department of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The Board Chair, Clerk, Superintendent or Director of Business Affairs is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

6. *NSI is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement related to the sale of the Bonds.*

7. *If the Board Chair and the Superintendent or the Director of Business Affairs have not approved the sale of the bonds to NSI and executed the related bond purchase agreement by June 30, 2016 this resolution shall expire.*

Recommended Action:

As a result of these potential savings to our taxpayers, the administration recommends that the School Board take action to approve the resolution. If the resolution is approved, the bonds would be sold through a negotiated sale. Final School Board action would occur at the next Board meeting scheduled after the sale.
