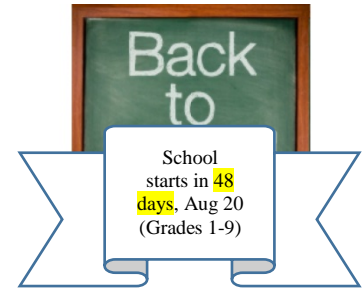




## Board of Education Recap



July 3, 2018

4<sup>th</sup> of July greetings, Vikings!

The Board of Education's first meeting of the 2018/19 school year was held last night. There were a number of important topics before them. Please read on to see a number of highlights...

**Referendum Update:** As part of the first meeting each month, the Board learned about the progress being made on our referendum projects. One only needs to walk past the Middle and High School to see the good work being accomplished. Mr. **Mike Huffman**, Owner's Representative, was on hand to answer questions and discuss the next steps of the project's scope. [Here is a link to the latest Referendum Progress brochure](#) that was sent to all parents and is available on our district's referendum webpage [referendum.Mhasd.k12.wi.us](http://referendum.Mhasd.k12.wi.us).

**School Resource Officer (SRO) Conference:** For the first time in several years, the Mount Horeb Area School District attended this annual conference. As you may know, we have been reviewing every facet of our District's safety protocols and thought attending this event would help inform our work. The partnership forged between our Safety Committee and the **Mount Horeb Police Department** continues to strengthen. While we are extremely fortunate to live in a community like Mount Horeb, we are not immune from troubling trends evident in neighboring communities (e.g. drugs, abuse, alcohol, etc.). We remain committed to nurturing that relationship and identifying other opportunities for partnership (The recent application for the Department of Justice's "School Safety Grant" serves as one more example of this effort).

**Blue Ribbon Funding Panel:** Associate Superintendent for Business and Finance, **Mr. Scott DeYoung**, updated the Board as to the work of a bipartisan panel of leaders (elected and appointed) throughout the state looking at the Wisconsin school funding formula. While, as of this writing, no firm decisions have been made about altering the funding system, many individuals and groups shared their perspective with the panel during hearings held throughout the state this past spring. We will continue to update the Board on progress.

In action items, the Board...

- had the first reading of four different policies. Three policies were personnel related and one with regard to equal educational opportunities for all. Each of the policies, found on [Board Docs](#), are being updated to reflect changes in Statute or federal requirement. A second reading will be held at the next Board meeting on July 16, 2018.
- approved the additional purchase of Chromebooks as part of the 2018/19 technology budget. The goal is to get these in the hands of our students and staff in time for the start of the school year.
- reviewed and approved two documents, as they do every year at this time: continued participation in the WIAA, and the Board's annual declaration and parental notice of the District's [Academic Standards](#).

In closing, the Board has two more important meetings taking place during the month of July. First, they will have their regular Board of Education meeting on Monday, July 16. On Monday, July 30, the Board will meet at 6 PM in a workshop setting to discuss three important topics: the proposed final draft of their Strategic Plan (*Vision 2023*), professional development related to open meetings and public records, and consideration of supplemental capital work (made possible given the referendum's much better than anticipated costs). All of these efforts lead up to the community's Annual Budget meeting on August 13. That will take place at the Intermediate Center beginning at 7 PM.

We are fortunate to live in a country that predicated its success on a highly educated citizenry lead by our elected leaders! We celebrate this, among other things, on the 242<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our amazing country's independence. I wish you and your family an enjoyable holiday!

I am proud to be a Viking and I hope you are too!

Steve

