

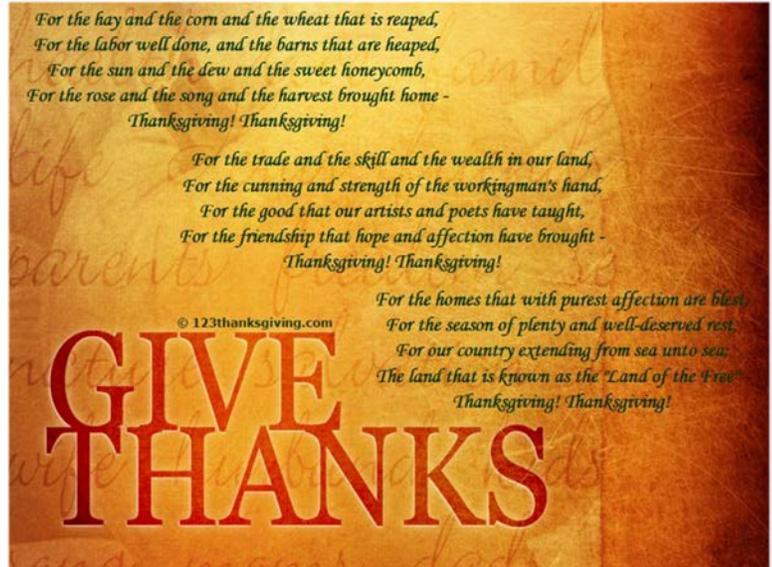


Board of Education Recap

November 20, 2018

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, many of last night's Board of Education agenda items focused on gratitude. Please read on to see some of their highlights.

Agrace Hospice's Jessie Shiveler With a deep sense of gratitude, our Board of Education recognized **Ms. Jessie Shiveler** as a "Friend of Education". Ms. Shiveler has consistently been an amazing resource to our District over the past year. She has conducted one-on-one counseling support with students and families, student groups, as well as presentations at faculty meetings. Her work with Agrace Hospice has provided the District's students and staff support and comfort when we needed it the most. Pictured with Mrs. Shiveler are Mrs. **Leah Lipska**, Mr. **Brian Johnson** (Director of Student Services), Mrs. **Kimberly Sailor**, Mrs. **Diana Rothamer**, and Mrs. **Dani Michels**.



Thank you, Jessie, for your dedication!

"Boardsmanship" – We are fortunate to work in a district where our Board of Education inspires all of us to continue learning. This was most recently exemplified last night as the Board debriefed a training many attended last Wednesday night in Portage. The topic was how to further engage communities and legislators on topics of importance to public education. In addition, the Board discussed who planned to attend the Wisconsin Association of School Board Convention in Milwaukee this January. It takes a lot of dedication and a high sense of mission to be a board member of any kind, and our Board of Education has this in spades.

In action items...

The Board had their first reading of revisions to their policy entitled "Part-Time Attendance Option for Pupils Enrolled in a Private School, Tribal School, or a Home-Based Private School Program". This passed on a first reading.

My very best wishes to you/your Vikings this Thanksgiving. I am proud *and* thankful to be a Viking, and I hope you are too!

Steve

The Board's *Safety and Wellness* and *Education* Committees have been studying testing and its potential impact on student wellness. We are curious to know if your child has experienced *significant* test anxiety that has impeded his/her ability to do well on a given test. Anecdotally, we are trying to ascertain how prevalent an issue this may be in Mount Horeb and what seems to help students during this period of high anxiety. If you can help, please drop a line to our Director of Student Services, [Mr. Brian Johnson](#), or Director of Instruction, [Mrs. Sarah Straka](#).