



Board of Education Recap

January 8, 2019

The Board of Education's first order of business of the new year was to recognize their Spotlight Student of the Month, **Payton Almquist**. The Almquist name is, no doubt, well known and synonymous with excellence – Sheri and Jim are terrific supporters of our District's students and staff. Payton is continuing that tradition of excellence. As an 8th grader, Payton has been a part of 4H, Volleyball, Basketball, and Yearbook. In fact, **Principal Christiansen** reminded everyone that Payton was one of three students who created the Thanksgiving food drive and created this wonderful [video](#) .

We have a new website!
Please follow this [link](#) to find more!
#mohovikings #alltogether



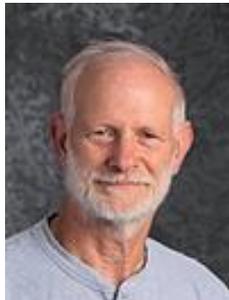
It is never too soon to prepare for Dr. Martin Luther King's Day. I am reserving 10 seats for students/staff interested in joining me at Saturday, January 19th's First Annual "Forum for Social Action" event at Middleton High School's Performing Arts Center. This event takes place from 4-6 PM. This event is FREE for those joining me, but is first-come-first-served. Please email me (salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us) or give me a call 437-7010 if you would like to join me.
Steve



Pictured with Payton and family are Mrs. **Diana Rothamer** (Board Vice President), Mr. Paul Christiansen (Principal), Ms. **Melissa Hanson** (Associate Principal), Mrs. **Kimberly Sailor** (Middle School Liaison), and myself.



In Personnel Transactions, please join me in thanking these fine professionals as they prepare to retire at the end of the school year: Madame **Rebecca Cryer**, Ms. **Sheila -Faulkner**, Mr. **Dave Martin**, and Mrs. **Barb Underwood!**



In “Discussion” items...

Referendum Update: Mr. **Mike Huffman** (Owner’s Representative) was on-hand to speak with the Board about projects accomplished and those next to come:

Finished	Near Future
Middle School’s coiling fire door was installed during Winter Break	Middle School’s permanent entry door to be installed over Spring Break.
Modular Unit inspections were completed and remediation was addressed (where needed)	Continued testing of modular units to ensure all is copacetic; disassemble the units May 28 – June 1.
High School Atrium flooring asbestos check (none found).	Install railings in the High School’s south parking lot.
High School courtyard design re: rock elevation; landscape block from cast concrete and masonry	High School non load bearing construction masonry units is ongoing.
High School auditorium video installation (January 10)	Continued furniture design and procurement
Roof joist and deck in areas B and C are ongoing on low roof above shop areas	Retrofit High School’s Family and Consumer Education area with gas line.
	High School cavity insulation and brick work is ongoing along the exterior
	High School food service hoods and coolers
	Middle School vestibule electric strike access

Middle School Update: Principal Christiansen and Associate Principal Hanson provided an update regarding the steps being taken by the Middle School students and staff in realizing the Board’s goals outlined in the Board’s [Strategic Plan](#). The team has focused on rigorous literacy, mathematics, and well-being goals. Now that we are almost half-way through the school year, we can see the results of our efforts [here](#).

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: As you know, our Board’s meeting agenda and minutes can be found via a third-party platform called BoardDocs. With the conversion to a new District website, we thought it might be helpful to migrate the Board’s policies (*what* must be done) and administrative regulations (*how* it should be done) to BoardDocs too. [You can find the link here](#). Among the most promising new features is a “keyword” searchable function. This was a big project, and I am thankful to Executive Assistant Mrs. **Jackie Brager** for plugging away at it.

Open Enrollment Space: In the Board’s only actionable item of the night, consideration was given to 2019-2020 enrollment trends that could have an impact on open enrollment availability. As required by law, if the District intends to place limitations on space it must do so by January 31 of each year. Director of Student Services, Mr. **Brian Johnson**, provided the administration’s recommendation.

That draws a close to this edition of the “Recap” – I hope your new year’s resolutions are still in play. Unfortunately, mine (not eating snacks after 6:00 p.m.) fell apart after my beloved Chicago Bears fell to the Eagles of Philadelphia. I am licking my bear paws – Thank goodness for our amazing Mount Horeb Vikings to carry us through!

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