



Board of Education Recap

June 18, 2019

Hello, Vikings fans! We hope your Father's Day weekend was special and you are finding a summertime groove to your schedule. The Board considered a great deal at last night's meeting. Please read on...

High School Associate Principal Recommendation: Last night, we introduced our new High School Associate Principal, Mrs. Talisa (Ta-Lisa) Corcoran, to the Board of Education. Mrs. Corcoran has great experience as a teacher of special needs students in both urban and suburban settings (Joliet, IL and Middleton-Cross Plains, respectively). We have great faith that Associate Principal Corcoran will be integral in moving us from "good" to "great." Welcome, Talisa!



Additional Referendum Work Made Possible from Savings/Interest Earnings: Thank you to all those who offered their insights about the proposed capital work that could occur during the summer of 2020. We are able to accomplish this additional scope as a result of significant savings from the referendum project and interest earnings from the community's April 2017 authorized borrow. Proposed ideas have been collected over the past 18-24 months from Facilities Steering Committee members, community members, faculty/staff, and/or students/parents. In addition, through this recent construction project, the administrative team has identified other projects needing attention. If you have not had a chance to see the proposal, you may find it [here](#). If approved as presented, it is anticipated the total amount of work could span between \$2.95-3.25 million; however, no final decision has been made, and **we continue to welcome your feedback** ([Here's my email address](#) and my phone number is 608-437-7010). The Board could consider approval of a plan at their July 2nd meeting.

Student Dress Code Policy: Speaking of feedback, thank you to all community members, students, and staff who "weighed in" on the Board's efforts to simplify our students' dress code. With few exceptions (noted within the policy) there is uniformity in its application throughout the district (K-12). In an effort to get the language just right, the Safety and Wellness Committee will be reviewing new feedback at their July 15 meeting. A copy of the current draft iteration of the policy may be found [here](#).

Information and Advocacy Report: How well are we, as a District, integrating technology in our instructional and learning practices? To what extent are we incorporating research-based, innovative curriculum and instructional practices? Well, that was the theme of Director of Instruction **Sarah Straka's** report to the Board. (Her presentation may be found [here](#) – Links to students' work on page five of the slide-deck are especially impressive. The dedication of our staff knows no bounds!) Both of these standards are part of the Board's strategic plan, [Vision 2023](#). The goals of these reports are to provide accountability to our community/Board and measure our outcomes against each of the 45 performance indicators the Board has established for us.

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

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