



TO: Bayfield School Board

FROM: Jay Mitchell

RE: School Board Report

DATE: February 8, 2012

1. Attached is the new Open Enrollment Law and Rules. It extends the enrollment period from a four week window (February 2 to March 2) to a February to April window for making open enrollment applications. Also, new in the law is the requirement to establish open enrollment spaces.

I would recommend that the district would accept all open enrollment applications of regular students.

The issue of special education is a little more difficult. We will be reviewing the law, district programming space and any financial burden associated with open enrollment for special education services. We will try to make a recommendation by the February Board meeting, if we can not we can act on it in March. We will need to update our open enrollment policies.

2. Attached is an update on Senate Bill 2 which changes the nonrenewable dates specific in Wis. Stat. 118.22. This will also effect when layoffs and salary contracts will be distributed to teachers. As we have a contract in place we must follow contract timelines this spring. We will distribute on March 15 and teachers will need to return them by April 15.
3. Accountability System: We had an opportunity to discuss some of the changes that the State ESEA (No Child Left Behind) Flexibility Waiver will bring to school districts across the state. There will be more work to be done in preparation for the 2014-15 School Year when it will be fully implemented. Please read and if you have questions, call. There is a heavy burden on school districts to have everything ready by 2014.

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4. We are beginning the scheduling process for 2012-13. Nancy Larson is a gem. She has started the four year planning process with eight graders and their parents. She has worked with teachers to create more curriculum opportunities for students. She has worked with committees on grant opportunities. She is actively getting high school students out to visit post secondary venues. She is a wonderful asset for the district.

Our goal is to have schedules completed and staffed so we can have Board approval of FTE's at the March Board meeting prior to contracts going out.

5. Contract for new Superintendent: The contract went out on Tuesday, February 7 at about 11 o'clock. I have not heard from him as of yet. I had a forty eight hour time line to return the contract. As soon as I know I will get the word out.

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