

TO: Bayfield School Board
FROM: Dave Aslyn
DATE: January 8, 2013
SUBJECT: January District Administrator Report

1. School Safety

School safety has become a front burner issue in school districts across the country in light of the recent tragic school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. We had a number of contacts from concerned parents, family members and community members asking about the safety of the Bayfield Schools in the days following the shooting. The District has a fairly comprehensive safety plan in place. While tragedy can strike anywhere, we have been taking active measures to help enhance school safety here in Bayfield. Drill for situations such as fires, intruders and severe weather are conducted to keep students and staff members up to speed on these important safety procedures. We have met with the Chiefs of Police from Bayfield and Red Cliff to review safety plans and procedures. Steve Dunn has been involved with emergency management table-top exercises focused on responses to incidents at the school. The Red Cliff and Bayfield Police Departments have conducted training exercises in the Bayfield School during off hours over the past few months. Our standard is a school climate that is safe, respectful and positive. These measures help to support building that good school climate.

BEA Mediation

The mediation meeting between the School Board and BEA is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the school. Wisconsin Employment Relation Commission (WERC) mediator Lauri Millot is assigned to the case. Negotiations Committee members are asked to meet in the superintendent's office at 4:45 p.m. on 1/16/13 for a brief meeting.

2. Brummer Case

Steve Dunn and I appeared in Ashland County Court on December 17th. Judge Eaton bound the case over for trial. The trial is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th at 2:15 p.m. A motion for summary judgment has been filed with Judge Eaton requesting that the case be dismissed prior to the trial date.

3. Strategic Planning Update

Kevin Stranberg of Stranberg and Associates will be on hand at the January 14th School Board meeting to present information on strategic planning and to answer your questions. A special School Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28th at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the District's mission, vision and priorities as well as establishing key assumptions.

4. Homecoming

Homecoming time is right around the corner. Bayfield's Homecoming will take place during the week of January 28th. Stay tuned for more details on exciting Homecoming events and activities.

5. Wisconsin Fair Aid Coalition

The Wisconsin Fair Aid Coalition's (FAC) mission is focused on representing school districts that receive little state aid and have high property tax levels because of property values. The intent is to help such districts receive a fair share of state aid. The School District of Bayfield is a member of the Fair Aid Coalition. I have been asked to serve on the FAC's Executive Board and have accepted the invitation. I feel that it is important that our school district and other school districts in northwestern Wisconsin have a voice on such critical financial matters. I will be taking part in the FAC's annual meeting during the WASB Convention later this month in Milwaukee.