



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Feb 16, 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting
Category	3. Administrative Reports
Subject	3.1 District Administrator Report
Type	Reports
Goals	Student Success Efficient Use of Resources District Excellence Community Collaborations & Partnerships

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Subject: February District Administrator Report, Dr. Beth Paap

District Mission: *To provide a respectful and nurturing environment for each student to grow.*

District Vision: *Valuing the individual learner, our focus is centered on evidence based student outcomes, cultural engagement and community connection.*

Strategic Goals (2022-26)

- ***Student Success***
- ***Student & Staff Health and Wellness***
- ***Effective Collaborations & Partnerships***
- ***District Excellence***
- ***Efficient Use of Resources***

1. Curriculum & Instruction

- **Assessment Planning:**
 - DPI will be conducting a routine review of the Forward exam this month to assess content alignment with standards.
 - **ACT testing is scheduled for March 10.**
- **Graduation Update:** Senior student/family dinner was held at LW in collaboration with The Red Cliff Tribe. Great attendance. Information was shared on details of:
 - Senior Class trip
 - Graduation
 - FAFSA/scholarships

2. Academic Achievement

- **Special Programs & Partnerships:**
 - **Honors Banquet – May 20:** attended several meetings with the Red Cliff Johnson O’Malley Parent committee to discuss intentions and plans for the spring banquet. More information to follow.

3. Operations Summary

- **Facilities / Referendum Project:**
 - Information shared with the board regarding bids for the LaPointe Elementary School coming in over bid
 - meeting with Kraus Anderson to be held Thursday, February 12 AND a full presentation to the board during the February 16th regular meeting.
 - During the Special Meeting held Monday February 9th the electors in person voted for Site B: H. Nelson Rec Center
 - next steps are to finalize the lease agreement with the Town of LaPointe
 - establish kitchen use at The Farmhouse agreement
- **Quarterly NSDT (Northern School District Trust) meeting held January 29th**
 - USI Broker & consultant for the trust has been assisting with information regarding GLP-1 medications.
 - The Trust voted to discontinue health coverage for this medication effective July 1, 2026
 - Trust has prepared letters and information for districts to share with staff Monday, February 9th.
- **Student count** report submitted. Per DPI mandate all public schools must submit student counts the third Friday of September and second Friday of January.
 - September 2025: 438
 - January 2026: 432
 - these numbers include 4k, K-12, and preschool aged children receiving district services.
- **Completed a 3 session WASBO course(6 hours, Jan. 27-29)**
 - Risk Identification: The First Steps of the Risk Management Process
- **Attended an AASA** (The National School Superintendent Association sponsored **webinar** on February 5th: Operational Readiness: A Practical Playbook for ICE Encounters in Schools

Description: Amidst increased immigration enforcement activities, education leaders may need to adapt how they ensure schools remain safe zones for children. This presentation provides superintendents with a tactical, minute by minute-by-minute playbook for protecting students and mitigating district liability. Superintendents will receive step-by-step information on legal response procedures before, during, and after an enforcement or detainment incident, along with details on perimeter security, parent pick-up management, bus security, and additional safety measures.

4. Finance Snapshot

- Working on financial specific directives from board during the Feb. 9 C.o.t.W
 - budget cycle
 - band fund raising student accounts (24-25 school year & 25-26)
 - referendum budget
 - Rec Center/Mt Ashwabay expenses and cost sharing with the Red Cliff Tribe
 - overspent budget line item details
 - NEOLA spending policies
 - Fund Balance policy 6235/comparison with other districts'policy language
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5. Personnel

- **Summer Programming:**
 - One applicant. We will proceed with interviewing within the next week.
 - Programming will be located at the Rec Center (sailing program) and the Red Cliff Boys & Girls Club due to renovation and install projects.
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6. Community Engagement

- **Winter Camp (February 17–20):**
 - February 17: Kickoff with a **community feast**, including referendum updates and visuals developed by Kraus Anderson
 - February 18–19: Camp activities
 - February 20: Closing event at the school with a Pow Wow
 - **District Winter Edition Newsletter:** at printers.
 - Ongoing strong collaboration with the Red Cliff Tribe across student programming and celebrations.
 - **Attended the monthly JOM meeting**, Friday, February 6
 - updates from JOM on Red Cliff Education Department interviews for administrative position.
 - School shared updates with JOM membership
 - discussion regarding JOM only funding JOM students at the Honors Banquet. District has paid for the feast at this event in the past, if the banquet is only for JOM eligible seniors this would exclude some seniors. Continued discussion on how we can provide the feast and include all seniors at the banquet. We are hopeful and focused on determining an inclusive solution.
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7. Policy & Program Development

- **Policy Work:**
 - Onboarding comprehensive *administrative guidelines* for all active NEOLA policies is underway with the administrative team, beginning with:

- Student Activity Fund policies
 - Conflict (accusations) between students and staff and staff-to-staff
 - Fund Balance
 - Visitors and law enforcement
 - Administrative guideline templates are available through NEOLA and will be used for alignment and consistency.
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8. Upcoming Priorities

- **Act 20 / Early Literacy Coaching:**
 - Received information from Melissa Fiamoncini (CESA 12) during the December PAC meeting regarding DPI Early Literacy Coaching funds.
 - Mike, Angela Botka, and I met last week to review the application requesting a literacy coach.
 - **Application was submitted to DPI by January 29.**
 - The coach's primary role would be to support and coach teachers on literacy pedagogy.
 - DPI will fund up to three coaches per CESA for two years.
- **Summer School Sessions:**
 - June 22 – July 2
 - August 3 – August 13
- **Ojibwe Immersion Program planning**
 - survey to 4K families in draft
 - determining student numbers for the 26-27 school year (K-2)
 - staffing availability and needs

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