

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196

Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools

Educating our students to reach their full potential

Legislative Advisory Council Meeting

MINUTES

6–7:30 p.m., April 12, 2017

District Office

Present: Members Valerie Dosland, Mark Engdahl, Cindy Ford, Catherine Hunter, Gary Krueger, Jason Nord, Retno Saridewi-Wong and David Unmacht, and staff members Stephanie Kass and Tony Taschner

I. Session and Financial Update

Director of Communications Tony Taschner gave a presentation showing the need for the district to make significant budget cuts over the next three years – as much as \$20 million – if general education funding increases being considered by the House of Representatives (1.25 percent) and Senate (1.5 percent) are approved. The presentation, which was also given at the April 10 School Board meeting, concluded with a call to action for parents and other district residents to contact local legislators and state legislative leaders to ask for inflationary increases of at least 2 percent per year over the next two years. Valerie Dosland shared insights from her work at the Capitol.

II. Legislative Alert Message

On April 12, a legislative alert from Superintendent Berenz was sent to all district staff and subscribers to the Supt’s NEWS email list to inform them that significant budget cuts will be needed if general education funding increases being considered by the House of Representatives and Senate are approved. The message was also posted on the district website and will be shared with all district parents by April 15 via the schools’ email lists. The message asks parents to consider contacting local legislators and state legislative leaders to ask for inflationary increases of at least 2 percent per year. It will also be sent to each of the legislators listed on the alert.

III. Process for Filling Positions for 2017-19

The terms of LAC members Valerie Dosland, Jason Nord and David Unmacht expire on June 30, 2017. Taschner explained that these members can apply for a new two-year term, if they want to continue to serve on the LAC. A news release announcing the vacancies was issued April 7. The application is available on the district website or by calling the Communications Department at 651-423-7775. Completed applications must be mailed to the Communications Department at the District Office or faxed to 651-423-7633 by May 12.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2017

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