



TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Val Rae Boe
DATE: May 12, 2026
RE: May 6 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Knisely-12, Palmer-13, Jones-14, Forsberg-16, Striker-282, Nitardy-622, Clark-623, Thompson-624, Rebelein-831, and Thelander-834. Members absent: Bock-621, Stout-832, and Dols-833.

Presentation: 916 Teacher Apprenticeship Program

The School Board was presented with information on the state's first registered ITRAC (Intermediate Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Collaboration) program. The four Intermediate Districts partnered with the MN Department of Labor and Industry and Minnesota State University Mankato, with Brightworks as the sponsor. Information was shared about this apprenticeship program versus a traditional licensure program. The Board also heard directly from one of the graduating apprentices and a journey worker regarding their experiences over the last two years. Lastly, celebrations and next steps were discussed. All seven of the 916 apprentices from Cohort 1 are graduating this month. Cohort 2 just began year two and Cohort 3 will be starting in June.

First Reading of FY27 Budget: Mark Kumlien, executive director of finance, presented the first reading of the proposed FY27 budget to the School Board. Mark highlighted the preliminary financial assumptions, spoke about the Certificates of Participation (COPs) - Refunding, and gave an overview of the revenues and expenditures, broken down by fund. Mark ended with information on the district's fund balance which is within policy parameters.

Staff Recognition: Years of Service: 916 recognized 39 staff who have completed ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and thirty years of continuous service to the district.

Policies:

- **First Reading:** Policies 416 and 417 were presented and will be brought back in June for approval.
- **Approval of Policies:** Approved Policies 529, 604, 606, and 618 that were presented as a first reading in April.
- **Adopted Proposed Policy Modifications:** Policies 405, 407, 414, 415, 418, 420, 421.1, 422, and 427.

Approval of Strategic Actions for the 2026-27 School Year: The School Board approved the 26-27 Strategic Actions which reflect the district's commitment to continuous improvement and its dedication to providing an exceptional, individualized education for all students.

Approval of Contracts:

- **Approval of Educational Services Agreement with Spring Lake Park ISD 16:** Approved the agreement for Northeast Metro 916 to provide the educational services at Avanti Center on behalf of the Spring Lake Park School District from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Approval of Aris Clinic Agreement to provide Educational Services:** Approved the agreement between Northeast Metro 916 and Aris Behavioral Health, LLC to provide regular and special education or tutoring services to adolescent clients being served at Aris from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028.
- **Approval of Contract Agreement with the City of Fridley:** Approved a two-year agreement with the City of Fridley for the Fridley Police Department to provide a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Metro Heights Academy from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.
- **Approval of Food Service Agreement:** Approved the food service agreement with Centennial ISD #12 to provide food services for the 2026-27 school year.