

WAYZATA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Independent School District 284
Wayzata, Minnesota

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session Meeting - December 21, 2015 - 4:00 PM
District Administration Building

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
2. **ADMINISTRATIVE**
 - A. Early Learning Rebranding
 - B. LAC Legislative Platform
3. **TEACHING AND LEARNING**
4. **HUMAN RESOURCES**
5. **BOARD REPORTS**
6. **FINANCE AND BUSINESS**
 - A. Attendance Areas
 - B. Budget and Staffing Preparation Calendar 2016-2017
7. **SCHOOL BOARD**
 - A. WMEP Update
 - B. Board Evaluation
 - C. Tentative January Regular Agenda
8. **ADJOURN**

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MISSION

Our Core Purpose:

The mission of Wayzata Public Schools is to ensure a world-class education that prepares each and every student to thrive today and excel tomorrow in an ever-changing global society.

VISION

What We Intend to Create and Experience:

The vision of Wayzata Public Schools is to be a model of excellence where all students discover their unique talents, develop a love and tenacity for learning and demonstrate confidence and capacity for success through:

Exceptional Student Learning, Experiences and Relationships:

- High achievement by each and every student—no exceptions, no excuses;
- Content-rich, rigorous and personalized education;
- Meaningful relationships with teachers, staff, mentors and peers in a welcoming, nurturing and safe environment where all are valued for who they are and the contributions they make.

Community Trust, Confidence and Partnership:

- Comprehensive learning opportunities meeting diverse learner needs and community aspirations;
- Committed to being the first choice for students and families;
- Maintaining the highest levels of satisfaction and pride by staff, parents and community.

Operational Excellence:

- Attraction, development and retention of exemplary, creative and engaged employees;
- Accountability by all staff for individual and collective performance;
- Effective and efficient use of time and human, financial and physical resources;
- Culture of continuous improvement and responsive innovation;
- High performing district governance, management and partnerships.

2016 Platform

As a community, we thank you for the important work that you have completed on behalf of the students in the Wayzata Public Schools and throughout Minnesota. During the 2016 Legislative session, we look to the Governor and the Legislature to provide leadership and support based on the following:

Primary Action Items

Increase the per pupil formula allowance by an additional 2% (for a total increase of 4%) for 2016.

While the approved 2% increase on the general education formula was a positive step, our district was left with a \$3.2 million shortfall in funding for the 2015-16 school year. The current state budget surplus affords the legislature the opportunity to lessen the gap between inflation and the resources needed to fund state education by increasing the General Education formula for every district by an additional 2%. This would demonstrate a real and on-going commitment to produce the *World's Best Workforce* from and for our Minnesota students.

Reduce the Need for Special Education Cross-Subsidy by at least 25%. Special Education is an underfunded mandate and has placed tremendous pressure on MN school districts. We ask that the Legislature dedicate additional funds to support Special Education. Last year, 7.5% (\$9.2 million) of our district operating budget was used to cover unfunded, special education expenditures.

Ongoing and Future Considerations

Do not enact new, unfunded mandates and repeal existing unfunded mandates. Avoiding and repealing unfunded mandates allows districts to establish sustainable budgets and focus funds and efforts on the classroom to support student achievement.

Increase Local Control. Our locally elected school board continues to work diligently to make decisions that are in the best interest of the students, staff and community. Allowing our elected representatives to play this crucial role ensures timely and long-term success for our schools.

Support Technology. Technology continues to play an increasingly important role in preparing our students to be successful in a global society. Without a stable source of funding, many districts will need to rely on community referendums to support this vital component of the education experience.

Oppose mandatory, statewide health insurance pool. For the past 14+ years, our self-funded healthcare plan has realized a premium increase average of 4.13% vs the national average premium increase of 6.53%. All stakeholder groups are represented on our district's health insurance committee.

Increase Access to High Quality Prekindergarten Programs. School readiness is essential to the ability of our state to achieve the goals set forth by the *World's Best Workforce*. Any new resources for prekindergarten programming should supplement, not supplant, existing funding.

Support College and Career Readiness. Research shows that students who participate in concurrent enrollment programs are better prepared to be successful in college. Please work to create strong and collaborative partnerships between Minnesota High Schools and Post-Secondary Institutions so that all high school students have improved access to a wide range of rigorous concurrent enrollment coursework.

