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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Chair Steffes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., requested board member roll call, and led everyone in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mark Altenburg, Cassidy Bjorklund, Melissa Burgard, Kara Gloe, Scott Steffes, Bill Tomhave, Matt Valan, and Brandon Lunak.

Member absent: None.

PREVIEW OF AGENDA: Superintendent Brandon Lunak recommended approval of the agenda to proceed with revisions to pages 3, 25, 31 and 45, and deletion of page 46.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Bjorklund moved, seconded by Tomhave, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 7-0.

WE ARE PROUDS:

We Are Proud of the Red River Area Learning Center team for competing at the Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs STARS spring conference on April 11-12. The MAAP STARS (Success, Teamwork, Achievement, Recognition and Self-esteem) conference gives students the opportunity to showcase their skills in the Minnesota Standards, along with their artistic, career and life skills. Students participate in individual and team competitive events.

The team of Abbie Thoreson and Natalie Sorum earned gold and placed second overall in Community Service Project. They earned silver in Team Advertising and bronze in Team Parenting. Thoreson also participated in the demonstration event Art Display. The team of Matthew Crowley and Troy Knutson earned a perfect score in Project Demonstration. In the individual competition's employment interview category, the four students each earned silver ribbons, and as a four-member team the students earned bronze in LifeSmarts. Their advisors are Red River ALC teachers Aura Lee Mohror and Wylie Wisnewski.

We Are Proud of the six Moorhead High School visual arts students who competed at the Minnesota State High School League Visual Arts 8AA section competition on April 26 in Alexandria. Levi Mastrud earned two Excellent ratings, two Superior ratings, one Teacher's Choice, and a Best in Show in the drawing category. Hope Stromsodt earned three Superior ratings, one Teacher's Choice, and a Best in Show in the painting category. Amanda Herzog earned two Excellent ratings, Alyssa Christoffers earned one Excellent rating, Hali Selseth earned one Excellent rating, and Ashlyn Paulson earned three Excellent ratings. The Moorhead team also won the team drawing competition. Grady Carlson and Marissa Jensen are their art teachers.

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We Are Proud of Moorhead High School student Hope Stromsodt who was selected by audition to perform with the 2017-18 Minnesota All-State Choir on Feb. 24 at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. The Minnesota All-State Choir is a highly competitive ensemble comprised of the top high school musicians from the state. Kathie Brekke is her Moorhead High choir director.

We Are Proud of Horizon Middle School East Campus students who were selected as state finalists and placed in the Letters About Literature competition sponsored by the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library and Minnesota Council of Teachers of English. Students are Martan Gregoire, Autumn Gronwold, Ashley Hage, Zach Hanson, Frederic Hauge, Tyler Heneman, Danielle Hutchins, Lizzy Pickering, Alyssa Williams, Owen Wilmar, Jackson Young, Alaya Burnside, Jaidyn Edwards, Ella Grafstrom, Alexis Hansen, Elliot Hoff, Grace Poehler, Michaela Wichmann, Anna Knain, Josey Wilson, Veronica Borgrud, Nathan Helgeson, Mohamed Hussein, Ashna Oray, Michael Percy, Tessa Voeller and John Weigel. Martan Gregoire placed second overall in the middle school level, and Ashna Oray and Lizzy Pickering received honorable mentions. Dan Dooher is their Horizon Middle School East Campus language arts teacher. Out of 409 submissions in the middle school level, 67 entries were selected as state-level finalists. Sponsored nationally by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, the contest asks readers to write a letter to an author describing how his or her work touched their life in a personal way.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School coding/computer programming students whose programs were selected to be featured by Bootstrap, which developed the programming curriculum used in the class. Dash Hilgers programmed “The Farming Game,” Kaitlyn Jarrett programmed “Art Gallery,” and Riley Rosdahl programmed “The Legend of Hide the Pain Harold.” Leah Spotts is their Moorhead High business education teacher.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School speech team for being named the Section 8AA champions for the 24th consecutive year and advancing 27 entries to the 2018 state speech tournament on April 20. State qualifiers were Izzy Larson, Luke Seidel, Bridget McManamon, Ariana Grollman, Jennie Hastings, Katherine Leiseth, Sophia Klindt, Kaden Moszer, Dylan Stage, Ian Bahe, Sydney Anderson, Greta Almlie/Stella Mehlhoff, Jonah Hanson/Cassidy Wendt, Chelsea Bubbers, Emma Pranger, Claire Stoltenow, Neva Miller, Molly Hauf, Grace Halvorson, Anna Larson, Anni Yoney, Jack Entzion, Meghan Johnson, Amelia Bjorklund, Margaret Dickey, Alex Seigel and Ali Astrup. Head coach of the Moorhead Speech team is Rebecca Meyer-Larson.

At the state tournament, the Spuds earned 14 medals, including two gold medals, and won a third consecutive MSHSL Class AA State speech championship. Izzy Larson won a gold medal in poetry to win her third consecutive speech championship. She is the first Spud to earn four state medals, and she is just the fifth speaker in state history to win three Class AA state championships — the first to achieve the feat since 2005. Kaden Moszer earned the other gold medal, taking first in drama.

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The following students also were medalists at state: Luke Seidel placed second in prose, Ariana Grollman placed second in humor, Bridget McManamon placed fifth in extemporaneous speaking, Sophia Klindt placed fifth in humor, Neva Miller placed fifth in great speeches, Margaret Dickey placed fifth in prose, Katherine Leiseth placed sixth in extemporaneous reading, Alex Seigel placed sixth in storytelling, Dylan Stage placed seventh in drama, Claire Stoltenow placed eighth in extemporaneous speaking, and Greta Almlie and Stella Mehlhoff placed seventh in duo.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School students who have qualified for the National Speech and Debate Association's national tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in June. National qualifiers are: Ariana Grollman and Sophia Klindt in humor, Luke Seidel, Jennie Hastings and Margaret Dickey in drama, Luke Seidel/Sophia Klindt in dramatic duo, Bridget McManamon in U.S. extemporaneous speaking, Claire Stoltenow in international extemporaneous speaking, Alyssa Haagenson and Izzy Larson in program oral interpretation, Anna Larson and Lance Morlock in informative speaking, Lance Morlock and Meghan Johnson in oratory, and Joey Dispirito/Simon Beach and Jack Entzion/Tate Gilbertson in public forum debate. Head coach of the Moorhead speech team is Rebecca Meyer-Larson, and head coach of the Moorhead debate team is Andrew Tichy.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School student Izzy Larson for being named the 2018 Northern Lights Student of the Year. She will compete at the National Speech and Debate Association's national tournament in Program Oral Interpretation and is in the running for NSDA National Student of the Year, which is awarded during the national tournament in June. Head coach of the Moorhead speech team is Rebecca Meyer-Larson.

We Are Proud of Moorhead High School's fall musical "Aida" for being recognized for outstanding achievement in musical theater with Hennepin Theatre Trust's highest honors in the 2017-18 SpotLight Musical Theatre Program. The company was awarded outstanding overall production, outstanding overall performance, outstanding ensemble performance, outstanding vocal performance by an ensemble, outstanding acting performance by an ensemble, outstanding dance performance by an ensemble, outstanding student orchestra, outstanding overall technical team, and honorable mention technical crew.

Individual Spotlight acting awards went to Ariana Grollman, Izzy Larson, and Luke Seidel for outstanding performance in a leading role and to Kenan Stoltenow and Sophie Rootham for outstanding performance in a supporting role. Lance Morlock and Kaden Moszer received honorable mentions. Rebecca Meyer-Larson directed "Aida." Moorhead High students will be recognized at the SpotLight Showcase on June 11, 2018, at the historic State Theatre.

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We Are Proud of the Moorhead High Math League for placing first in the West Central Division to advance to the state tournament. Math League team members are Aric Cai, Caden Carter, Ross Colton, Joey DiSpirito, Christian Elmer, Austin Goble, Michael Thibert, Zachary Van Raden, David Wichmann, Emma Estrella, Tiffany Schindler and Reid Shynkaruk.

Besides qualifying as a team for state, several students earned individual honors in the division. Zachary Van Raden was honored as the top scorer in the West Central Division, and Aric Cai was the second top scorer in the division. Zachary Van Raden and Aric Cai were named First Team All Conference. Joey DiSpirito, Christian Elmer, Austin Goble, Michael Thibert and David Wichmann were named Second Team All Conference. Moorhead High math teacher Katie Hanson is the Math League advisor.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School grades 9-10 math team for placing second in the lower grades high school division of the 2018 Tri-College Math Contest held March 1. Team members are Jaeda Pepsin, Emma Pranger, Reid Shynkaruk, Lila Stanley, Emma Craig, Rachel Craig, Christanto D'Agostino, and Christian Thingvold. Rachel Craig received an honorable mention individually.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High School grades 11-12 math team for placing second in the upper grades high school division of the 2018 Tri-College Math Contest held March 1. Team members are Aric Cai, Joey DiSpirito, Alec Thingvold, Zachary Van Raden, Emma Estrella, Ian Manning, Tiffany Schindler, and Michael Thibert. Zachary Van Raden placed in the top ten individually.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY CITIZENS/OTHER COMMUNICATIONS: (Citizens who wish to address a non-agenda item have the opportunity to speak by raising their hand and being recognized by the School Board chair. Speakers must state their name and will be limited to three minutes. Speakers must complete the sign-up form, which outlines the public input process, and submit it to the School Board secretary.) None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Burgard moved, seconded by Tomhave, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

Minutes - Approve the April 17, 2018 special meeting minutes and April 23, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Claims - Approve the May claims, subject to audit, in the amount of \$2,285,263.08.

General Fund: \$1,422,962.22

Food Service Fund: \$164,503.12

Community Service Fund: \$39,634.30

Post Employment Irrevocable Trust Fund: \$16,800.00

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Construction Fund: \$641,363.44
TOTAL: \$2,285,263.08

Approve the April wire payments, subject to audit, in the amount of \$1,913,204.32.

General Fund: \$1,912,919.32
Post Employment Irrevocable Trust fund: \$285.00
TOTAL: \$1,913,204.32

Donation - Accept the donation of \$300 from Dan and Diane Stark to enhance art education at S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School and direct administration to send a thank you.

Donation - Accept the donation of a Rifton Gait Trainer from Chad and Heidi Durand valued at \$2,100 to the learner support services department and direct administration to send a thank you.

Resignations

Malia White - Food and Nutrition Server, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, effective April 30, 2018.

Tianna Provancial - Food and Nutrition Server, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, effective April 30, 2018.

Naila Arevalo - Food and Nutrition Server, Horizon Middle School West Campus, effective May 11, 2018

Ladan Hussien - Lunchroom Supervisor, Horizon Middle School West Campus, effective May 11, 2018.

Dassiah Boyer - Custodian, Horizon Middle School West Campus, effective May 17, 2018

Trish Dampier - Bus Driver, Transportation, effective May 17, 2018.

Maria Hoppe - Food and Nutrition Server, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective May 24, 2018.

Luis Lopez - Night Custodian, Horizon Middle School West Campus, effective May 25, 2018.

Kavot Ali - Food and Nutrition Server, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, effective June 5, 2018.

Robert Byrd - Food and Nutrition Server, Horizon Middle School East Campus, effective June 5, 2018.

Kelly Koppang - Media Specialist, Moorhead High School, effective June 7, 2018.

Susana Martin Hernandez - Spanish Immersion Teacher, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

Erinn Nelson - Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, EIS, effective June 30, 2018.

Change in Contracts

Zak Amin - Administrative Assistant, Community Education, 12-month contract to 10.5-month contract, effective July 1, 2018.

Pat Sullivan - Special Education Facilitator, .75 FTE to Third Party Billing, .5 FTE, effective for the 2018-19 school year.

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Family/Medical Leaves

Deb Pearson - Food Service, Horizon Middle School West Campus, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning April 12, 2018 through April 19, 2018.

Alice Swanson - Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, medical leave (FMLA) beginning April 23, 2018 for the remainder of the school year.

Luis Lopez - Custodian, Horizon Middle School West Campus, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning April 30, 2018 through May 4, 2018.

Maria Tamez - Bus Assistant, District-wide, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning May 2, 2018 through May 11, 2018.

Anita Prien - Paraprofessional, Moorhead High School, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning April 30, 2018 through May 4, 2018.

Armando Flores - Paraprofessional, Red River Area Learning Center, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning May 8, 2018 for approximately one week.

Corey Johnson - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School East Campus, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning May 15, 2018 through May 18, 2018.

Victor Navarette Martinez - Custodian, Moorhead High School, medical leave (non-FMLA) beginning May 17, 2018 for an undetermined amount of time.

Mike Engelking - Custodian, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, medical leave (FMLA) beginning May 21, 2018 through May 25, 2018.

Sandy Klemz - Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary, medical leave (FMLA) beginning May 23, 2018 through June 5, 2018.

Alexis Lundberg - Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary, family medical leave (FMLA) beginning May 28, 2018 through June 6, 2018.

Deb Pender - Supervisor, Red River Area Learning Center, medical leave (FMLA) beginning June 1, 2018 for approximately two weeks.

Jennifer Kath - Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, family medical leave (FMLA) beginning September 4, 2018 through November 9, 2018.

Leave of Absence

Ronda Adrian - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School West Campus, beginning April 16, 2018 for the remainder of the school year.

New Employees

Zeinab Arshe - Lunchroom Supervisor, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, \$10.50 per hour, 2.5 hours per day, effective April 2, 2018 (replaces Sheelan Shaker).

Jodi Cresap - Paraprofessional, Red River Area Learning Center, 1.0 FTE, B21 (3) \$17.01 per hour, 6.75 hours per day, effective April 5, 2018 (replaces Jodi Cresap).

Kenneth Mark - AVID Tutor, District wide, \$12.00 per hour, 4 hours per day, effective May 10, 2018 (excess funding until June 30, 2018).

Taylor Beynon - Native American Home Liaison, District wide, \$18.09 per hour, 4 hours per day, effective May 14, 2018. (Excess funding until June 30, 2018)

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Lauren Zanotti - AVID Tutor, District wide, \$12.00 per hour, 4 hours per day, effective May 23, 2018 (excess funding until June 30, 2018).

Amy Dansby - Lunchroom Supervisor/Crossing Guard, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, \$10.50 per hour, 5 hours per day, effective May 14, 2018 (replaces Shirley Klocke).

Jill Christopherson - ECFE Outreach Coordinator, Probstfield Center for Education, 1.0 FTE, C43 (7) \$31.52 per hour, 8 hours per day, effective July 2, 2018 (new position per 2018-19 staffing plan)

Christa Burson - EL Teacher, elementary buildings, 1.0 FTE, MA (10) \$59,130.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (new position per the 2018-19 staffing plan).

Justine Foyt - Social Studies Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, 1.0 FTE, BA+10 (0) \$40,984.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (new position per the 2018-19 staffing plan).

Nathan Gade - LSS Teacher, Moorhead High School, 1.0 FTE, MA (1) \$46,487.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (new position per 2018-19 staffing plan).

Brittney Rehm - Spanish Teacher, Moorhead High School, 1.0 FTE MA+30 (13) \$78,240.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (replaces Rigo Castillon).

Sara Schmidt - LSS Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA (0) \$39,613.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (replaces Clark Olson).

Denetre Stetz - Head Dance Coach, Moorhead High School, .08 (1) \$3,490.00 effective with the 2018-19 season (replaces Melissa Schuler).

Jacqueline Snyder - Science Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, 1.0 FTE, BA (4) \$44,224.00, effective with the 2018-2019 school year (replaces Ira Bailey).

Stephanie Walter - LSS Teacher, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA+30 (10) \$57,128.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (replaces Abby Harthun).

Richard Feir - Social Studies Teacher, Moorhead High School, 1.0 FTE, BA (0) \$39,613.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (replaces Kent Wolford).

Gerad Fugleberg - Physical Education Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, 1.0 FTE, BA (0) \$39,613.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (replaces Scott Peterson).

Gerad Fugleberg - Head Wrestling Coach, Moorhead High School, .11 (3) \$5,081.00, effective with the 2018-19 season (replaces Kenard Booker).

Angela Gukeisen - LSS Teacher, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA (7) \$47,680.00, effective with the 2018-2019 school year (replaces Matt Retzer).

Louis Thrash - Physical Education Teacher, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, 1.0 FTE BA (2) \$41,912.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (replaces Matthew Peterson).

Celeste Olson - Media Administrative Assistant, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, 1.0 FTE, A12 (5) \$17.27 per hour, 8 hours per day, effective August 27, 2018 (replaces Anne McLarnan).

Emily Wendorff - Elementary Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA (1) \$40,770.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (replaces Mackenzie Randklev).

Sophie Lien - Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Robert Asp Elementary, 1.0 FTE, C43 (1) \$21.20 per hour, 6.75 hours per day, effective with the 2018-19 school year (replaces Nicholas Schultz).

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Kevin Drotts - Science Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, 1.0 FTE, BA (0) \$39,613.00, effective with the 2018-19 school year (new per 2018-19 staffing plan).

Brianna Seebold - LSS Teacher, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA+20 (1) \$42,353.00, effective with the 2018-2019 school year (new per 2018-19 staffing plan).

Miriah Sannes - LSS Teacher, Dorothy Dodds Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA (4) \$44,224.00, effective with the 2018-2019 school year (replaces Rebecca Donahue).

Olivia Gotta - Elementary Teacher, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA+20 (4) \$47,465.00, effective with the 2018-2019 school year (replaces Lisa Seljevold).

Dianna Christianson - Math Teacher, Horizon Middle School East Campus, 1.0 FTE, BA+10 (5) \$47,060.00, effective with the 2018-2019 school year (replaces Mary Kelsch).

Sarah Neururer - Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, EIS, 1.0 FTE, BA+30 (1) \$45,059.00, effective July 1, 2018 (replaces Erinn Nelson).

Mary Anderson - Grade 6, Horizon Middle School East Campus, 1.0 FTE, BA (8) \$48,835.00, effective with the 2018-2019 school year (new per 2018-19 staffing plan).

Field Experience Agreement - Approve the agreement with Luther College and Moorhead Area Public Schools to serve as a student placement center for field experience students as presented.

Clinical Affiliation Agreement - Approve the agreement with University of North Dakota and Moorhead Area Public Schools to serve as a student placement center for field experience students as presented.

Additional Staffing - Approve additional staffing for the 2018-19 school year for a .37 addition to a .67 paraprofessional position to create a 1.0 FTE at Horizon Middle School East Campus.

Pat Konewko Special Education Grant - Accept the Pat Konewko Fund grant in the amount of \$1,236.15 as presented and direct administration to send a thank you. The grant will be used for special education programming.

Motion carried 7-0.

SCHOOL DISTRICT INSURANCE PACKAGE RENEWAL: Tom Quam and Joel Quam, Bremer Insurance, presented the district's insurance package renewal related to the district's property and liability, cyber liability, volunteer accident liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage.

After reviewing the coverage of the options, administration recommended approval of the Property & Liability proposal from Hanover Insurance with an annual premium of \$181,183.87, the Worker's Compensation proposal from SFM with an annual premium cost of \$414,827.00, the Cyber Liability proposal from Travelers with an annual premium of \$12,921.00, the Foreign Travel proposal from Chubb-Ace with an annual premium of \$2,500.00 and the Volunteer

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Accident Liability proposal from Berkley Accident & Health with an annual premium cost of \$1,904.00. The total annual premium cost for these renewals is \$613,335.87.

Altenburg moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the insurance package renewals in the total amount of \$613,335.87 as presented by Tom Quam and Joel Quam of Bremer Insurance. Motion carried 7-0.

FEDERAL PROGRAM UPDATE: Tony Huseby, assessment and federal programs coordinator, presented an overview of the district's federal programs. Title I, II, III and VI each require the district to complete an annual application through the Minnesota Department of Education. Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, the Horizon Campus will be identified as a Title I school in addition to Ellen Hopkins Elementary School and Robert Asp Elementary School.

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE UPDATE: Mike Kieselbach, Moorhead High School social studies teacher, updated the board on a hybrid instructional model that he has piloted in his classroom. The hybrid model provides up to one day a week of online learning opportunities for students. Students are not required to complete that work in the classroom, instead they can complete the work in designated locations at school or off campus. A hybrid course is defined as a course where students meet face to face with the teacher some days and are allowed to work independently on other days. Hybrid courses are only open for juniors and seniors.

Students with late or missing work or students below a set grade in the class are required to work in a smaller class setting with the teacher and other students who choose to or are required to stay, making it easier for struggling students to get help. Students who do not have access to technology at home are provided access to technology tools and provided a time and space to complete work.

AMITY INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITY: Jessica Rieniets, instructional coach, and Lynnelle Dirksen, Ellen Hopkins Elementary School principal, presented information related to an opportunity through Amity International and supported by the Ellen Hopkin's Parent Teacher Advisory Committee (PTAC) to host a Spanish intern at Hopkins Elementary for the 2018-19 school year.

Amity International Institute is a U.S. State Department designated sponsor for applicants of the J-1 Visa in the exchange teacher and educational intern categories only. The goal of the educational internship is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries. The program offers structured training for aspiring international educators in addition to an opportunity to share their native language and culture. Applicants are screened to ensure Amity's high standards are maintained.

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The intern will live with a host family in Moorhead and be provided with transportation to and from school. In addition, the intern would receive a \$200 per month stipend, paid by the Ellen Hopkins PTAC. After the initial year of implementation, the program will be reviewed and a recommendation made to the board on expanding or discontinuing the partnership.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INNOVATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATIONS: Jeremy Larson and Carla Smith, Horizon Middle School principals, provided an update on year one innovations and implementation at the Horizon Middle School East and West Campuses. They highlighted instructional practices and models that have been implemented at both locations to engage students through project-based learning. In addition, they discussed the schedule, special events, 1-to-1 technology implementation, and innovative opportunities provided to students at each site.

DISTRICT PROFILE UPDATE: Missy Eidsness, assistant superintendent of learning and accountability, and Duane Borgeson, executive director of learner support services, provided an update on graduation rates and special education counts for the 2016-17 school year. The finalized graduation and special education data is provided by the Minnesota Department of Education each winter for the prior school year.

Moorhead High School and Moorhead Area Public Schools saw welcome increases to graduation rates after efforts to implement additional options for English Learners and special education students. The district also made significant effort to improve data reported for students considered unknown after they left the district. The district's graduation rate increased 6.6% from 74% in 2016 to 80.5% in 2017.

Moorhead High School graduation rate increased from 81% in 2016 to 88.3% in 2017, exceeding the state average of 82.7%. Graduation rates for English Learners in Moorhead Area Public Schools increased 12% from 2016 to 2017, and graduation rates for special education students increased by 15.3%. The graduation rate at Red River Area Learning Center increased 8.6%.

LEAD IN SCHOOL DRINKING WATER LEGISLATION AND REQUIREMENTS: Superintendent Lunak reviewed the district's lead in water testing plan, developed by Jim Smith, director of property services, and Rick Brynildson, health and safety coordinator, Lakes Country Service Cooperative. He reported that in 2017, state legislation was passed requiring public school districts and charter schools to test for the presence of lead in water. This statute is in addition to any other established testing requirements for public school districts and charter schools. It requires schools to adopt a plan to accurately and efficiently test for lead in drinking water at public school buildings serving students from prekindergarten through grade 12. This plan shall be based on the United States Environmental Protection Agency standards and/or the model plan developed by the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education. School districts must adopt a testing plan and begin testing school buildings by July 1, 2018. Lunak noted radon testing was discussed at a recent legislation session.

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Tomhave moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to adopt the school district's lead in water testing plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART: Superintendent Lunak briefly reviewed the organizational chart and noted one of the priority areas for the school district is organizational effectiveness. He said the intent is to provide a structure that will continue to provide leadership to all areas of the organization.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 607 TITLE I POLICY GOVERNING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: Altenburg moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the policy Title I Policy Governing Parental Involvement 607, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 620 SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS: Bjorklund moved, seconded by Tomhave, to approve the policy Selection of Textbooks and Instructional Materials 620, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 650 SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY: Gloe moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the policy School District System Accountability 650, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 652 STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR MINNESOTA ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT: Tomhave moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the policy Staff Development for Minnesota Academic Standards and the No Child Left Behind Act 652, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 660 MOORHEAD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATE MANDATED TESTING PLAN AND PROCEDURE: Altenburg moved, seconded by Valan, to approve the policy Moorhead Area Public Schools State Mandated Testing Plan and Procedure 660, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 922 RESEARCH STUDIES: Burgard moved, seconded by Bjorklund, to approve the policy Research Studies 922, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 501 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY: Valan moved, seconded by Gloe, to approve the policy Equal Educational Opportunity 501, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 571 HAZING PROHIBITION: Valan moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the policy Hazing Prohibition 571, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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SECOND READING OF POLICY 578 BULLYING PROHIBITION: Gloe moved, seconded by Tomhave, to approve the policy Bullying Prohibition 578, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 599 POLICIES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR STUDENT: Altenburg moved, seconded by Burgard, to approve the policy Policies Incorporated by Reference for Students 599, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Brief reports were heard related the Red River Area Learning Center Family Night, Dorothy Dodds PTAC, All-City Orchestra Concert, Policy Review Committee, Teacher Evaluation Committee, Instruction and Curriculum Advisory Committee, Horizon PTAC, grade 4 music program at Dorothy Dodds, Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Committee, grade 6 choir concert at Horizon East Campus, Superintendent's Advisory Council, District Technology Committee, Ellen Hopkins PTAC, Nature Play Day at Hopkins, Indian Education Parent Committee, Joint Powers Committee, S.G. Reinertsen PTAC, Clay County Joint Powers Collaborative Governance Board, and Education Moorhead Meet and Confer meetings.

OTHER PERTINENT ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: Chair Steffes reminded board members to arrive at graduation on June 3 at 1:30 p.m. at MSU - Moorhead. Steffes noted a board work session was planned for July 16 from 1-6 p.m., in PCE Board Room 224. Gloe thanked administration for their work on School Board Policy 577 Student Dress and Appearance.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Matt Valan, Clerk