

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**  
**By**  
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Happy New Year to All District Residents!

This school district report is a summary of current events happening in school and a summary of actions taken at the monthly school board meetings. We understand that some residents are not able to attend school board meetings but would still like to stay informed of the great things that are occurring. This report is our attempt to keep you informed and be as transparent as possible with our community and staff.

This report will appear on a regular basis in our district newsletter, our school web page, and our school Facebook site so that everyone has equal access to finding out what is happening in the New Auburn Schools.

The January regular monthly school board meeting was held on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Below is a summary of actions taken by our school board:

- **School District Audit** - April Anderson, a representative from our school auditing firm, Clifton-Larson-Allen-Wealth, was present to give the school board a summary of last year's audit findings. I am pleased to report the New Auburn School District received another excellent review with no questionable findings. Our school district is considered compliant with all legal requirements and regulations, including the administration of grants and contracts applicable to state and federal programs, as well as the District's internal controls. This marks yet another year of excellent work performed by the district office team of Jan Kunstmann and Bonnie Halberg. I would like to extend a special thanks to these ladies for another job well done!
- **Achievement Gap Reduction Report** - Miss Mason, School Principal, provided a report on the Achievement Gap Reduction efforts currently in place. Miss Mason explained that we are only at the midpoint of the year, but was able to show the school board the goals the teachers have in place to close the achievement gaps and the progress being made at each grade level. Miss Mason will provide the school board with a final AGR report at the end of the school year.
- **Open Enrollment and Class Size Limitations** - Open enrollment is a process by which parents who reside in one school district can legally apply to enroll their children in a non-resident school district. Each January, school boards are required by law to

approve the number of seats available for open enrollment students in each grade level or subject for both regular and special education students. If a school district lacks the classroom space or instructional staff to accept additional students from a non-resident school district, they must have a policy in place that limits the number of seats open to non-resident students. The New Auburn School Board took action to meet this legal requirement in order to have the authority to restrict open enrollment, if needed.

- **School Board Convention** - The school board state convention is held each January. Board Member, Mr. Tim Nelson, will be traveling to Milwaukee this week to represent the New Auburn School District. One item up for annual business each year is called the delegate assembly where the leaders of the school districts vote on various resolutions to determine whether the items should move forward to the legislators to be considered for new laws. The New Auburn school board discussed a few of these resolutions to give Mr. Nelson direction on how to vote.
- **Retirement** - The school board accepted the retirement resignation of Mrs. Deb Davis. Mrs. Davis is completing her 43rd year of teaching physical education and health all in the New Auburn School District. Congratulations to Mrs. Davis!

As always, community members are welcome to contact me or visit the school with any questions. Thank you for following this column.

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