

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT
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Happy November 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 November regular monthly school board meeting was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

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

- **Public Access to School Facilities Policy (#7510.10)** - This policy was revised to address a concern related to too many people having key access to the school building and not being on file for having completed the proper paperwork to be approved to have access to the school building. This created a security and safety breach for our building that evolved over time. In order to get a handle on the situation, we have instituted some restrictions that will require all people requesting use of the building to complete the necessary paperwork and be issued keys that are only activated during their approved times. All other FOB entrance keys will be deactivated except for those coaches and other supervisors who use the building on a regular basis.
- **Student Transportation To/From Extra-Curricular Activities (#8641)** - This policy was revised to make it easier for parents to make arrangements for a responsible adult to transport their children home from away events, if needed. The previous policy required a special form and advance notice that made it difficult in some situations. Now a parent can approach a coach while attending an away event and sign a form to have their child ride home with themselves or another adult.
- **Music Department Trip to Florida** - The school board approved a request from the high school music department to travel with approximately 35 participants to Disney World in Orlando, Florida for the purpose of participating in a performing arts workshop for band and choir. This is a recording studio experience for the students. The trip is scheduled for March 23-28 during the spring break week at school. Fundraising efforts are underway to help offset the cost for students attending.

- **Notice of Election** - As required, the school board approved the official notice of election to all electors. There will be a school board election on April 7th for the purpose of filling two offices for school board. The incumbents holding these offices are Shannon Berg and Staci Martenson. Staci was appointed by the school board in August to fill the vacated office of Jennifer Robey. The highest vote getter will serve a three-year term and the second highest vote getter will serve the one year remaining on Jennifer Robey's term.
- **Budget Amendment** - Due to some late shifting of revenues and expenses, the school board approved an amended budget for 2019-2020. One example is increasing the expenses to allow for some roofing repairs in the spring.
- **Roofing Repairs** - The school board spent some time looking at a warranty schedule for eight different sections of roofing over our school. Each section is typically repaired in a different year in order to spread these expenses out over time to the taxpayers. In spite of the fact our roof is not leaking at the present time, the school board has opted to start the process of repairing three sections of the roof that are four or more years beyond their warranty. This is a smart move because it is always best to have a warranty in place in case a roof fails, and by having a roof replacement plan, the risk of incurring a major cost at one time is minimized. A bidding notice will be advertised starting next week for a small portion of the roof to be prepared in June.
- The December meeting time has been changed to 4:30 p.m. to allow time for board members to complete the meeting and attend the holiday music concert at 7:00 p.m.
- The school board took action to accept the volleyball coaching resignations of Liz Cruse and Brittany Sonnenberg.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL NEW AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!!