

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT
By
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Greetings to all parents and community members of the School District of New Auburn!

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 September regular monthly school board meeting was held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Preceding the monthly meeting, a special meeting was conducted in the school library at 4:30 p.m. Below is a summary of actions taken by our school board at both meetings:

- **New School Board Member** - In response to the resignation of board member, Jennifer Robey, the school board advertised to find candidates interested in completing the vacant school board term that continues through March 2021. The following four candidates submitted a written notice of interest and were interviewed by the remaining four school board members: Wayne Dachel, Dustine Gass, Staci Martinson, and Lindy Reimer. By majority vote, Staci Martinson was selected to complete the vacant term and she was immediately sworn in to her new position. This business was all conducted in a special meeting that began at 4:30 p.m and ended prior to the start of the regular monthly meeting.
- **Safety Film on Windows** - One of the final steps in completing the safety modifications to our school building was completed on September 16th. The safety film that was installed about a month ago on the glass surrounding the entrances also required the windows to be re-caulked.
- **Vacancy Policy** - The policy governing job vacancies in the school district was modified in a first reading to require all vacancies to be posted publicly and have the superintendent oversee a fair hiring process.
- **Acceptable Use Policy** - The school board also approved a first reading on a policy that governs the staff use of electronics and computer equipment in the school district. This policy has been approved to match the exact language that already exists in the employee handbooks.
- **Land Lease** - The vacant property across from the school playground is currently ending a three-year agreement with a private local party who has leased the property for the purposes of farming. The school board has decided to open a new bidding notice on the land for a new lease

agreement that will begin next spring, but this time the period of lease will be five years. This bid notice will be advertised publicly in the near future.

- **Personnel** - The school board accepted the coaching resignation from Ryan Dachel as junior varsity basketball coach. Richard Dachel will remain in place as the sole junior varsity basketball coach. The school board also hired Ms. Shaina Quinn as a new part-time, special education paraprofessional.

As hard as it is to believe, we are already in the middle of our third week of school. The school year is off to a great start. We are very proud of our competent and energetic staff members who are here to serve the students and parents. We encourage parents and grandparents to be involved in our school and reach out to any of us who can assist you.

The tree leaves and air temperature will be changing rapidly. Enjoy the fall colors while they last.

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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