

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**  
**By**  
**Scott Johnson, District Administrator**  
**December 2021**

Greetings 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 my attempt to keep you informed and be as transparent as possible with our community and staff.

This report will appear on a regular basis on 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 December school board meeting was held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Here is a summary of what happened:

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

The administration reported that both student and staff numbers currently affected by COVID-19 are remaining as low as they have been. The staff will remain vigilant about monitoring our numbers and keep the school board informed. No changes were made to our return to school plan for in-class instruction at this time.

**SCHOOL REFERENDUM**

The New Auburn Referendum Committee held its first organizational meeting on December 2nd. Members of the committee include:

William Jarvis-District Resident  
Katie Elmhurst-District Resident, Parent, Teacher  
Karson Rihn-Teacher  
Inez North-District Resident  
Dan North-District Resident  
Karissa Giller-Teacher  
Andrea Gribble-Parent

Dan North was appointed committee chair. Others present and participating in the meeting include: Scott Johnson-Superintendent, James Reif-Secondary Principal, Dan Kevan-Elementary Principal/Athletic Director, Louise Cody-School Board, Lindy Reimer-School Board

The Referendum Committee discussed some ideas for collecting and disseminating the referendum information that district electors will need to have in order to vote on the school referendum.

The Committee will meet again on January 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the school library. At that time, it will be discussed whether the referendum will be held during the February Primary or the April General Election.

In other school board news:

1. A second reading on some minor updates to the graduation policy was approved.
2. The principals and school counselor provided a report to the school board after receiving the results of our statewide student achievement results. Overall, our school district progressed over the past two years from the status of "Meeting Few Expectations" to "Meets Expectations". This is a product of the positive work our school board and staff have done over the past few years.
3. The school board confirmed their support of a Fabrication Lab grant application that will be submitted to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. These funds will be used to purchase state of the art equipment in our technology education department, if successful.
4. Mr. Johnson provided a budget summary report that outlined how three different waves of federal ESSER grant money will be expended to offset the district costs and losses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. One such expense from these grant dollars includes the purchase of a new riding floor scrubber that was approved to help improve the floor sanitation in our school district.
6. District electors are reminded they have until January 4, 2022 to file their intent to run for the April school board election.
7. The school board approved my notice of retirement, effective June 30, 2022. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the school district residents for giving me

the opportunity to serve as your school superintendent for the past seven years. It has been an honor to serve the students and families of New Auburn.

For those families who celebrate the holidays, I wish you the very best of times these next two weeks.

As always, any district resident is welcome to call, write, or come and visit with me in person if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss.