## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT By Scott Johnson, District Administrator November 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 occuring. 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 November school board meeting was held on Monday, November 15, 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.

## SCHOOL REFERENDUM

The New Auburn school board is seeking volunteers from the community interested in serving on the School Referendum Committee to assist with the process of sharing information to all district residents about the upcoming February 15th school referendum. The referendum will be asking the voters for permission to exceed the allowable revenue limit by \$400,000.00 each year, for the next three years. The reason for the referendum is because the school district is currently operating with a budget deficit.

If any district residents are interested in being a part of the Referendum Committee, please contact Scott Johnson, District Administrator at:

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The first meeting of the Referendum Committee is tentatively scheduled for this Thursday, December 2nd at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the school library. If the start time of

that meeting changes, we will post the change on our district website: <u>www.newauburn.k12.wi.us</u>.

In other school board news:

- 1. The school board approved the purchase of 150 new chromebooks to be used next year by students. These devices were federally funded through an emergency connectivity grant that our school district received.
- 2. The first reading changes for the early graduation policy was revised to reflect the change from a two-semester schedule to a three-trimester schedule for graduation purposes.
- 3. The school board also approved a resolution allowing Security Bank to transfer funds between school district accounts, as needed, to avoid any overdraft possibilities.
- 4. A leave of absence request was approved for a member of the teaching staff.
- 5. The resignations of Crystal Galetka and Abby Maki were accepted.
- 6. Judy Gullen was hired as the Student Services Secretary to replace Crystal. Judy is moving to New Auburn to be near her grandchildren. She has been a school nurse for the past twenty years in Austin, Texas.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your families!

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.