

2016-17 School Registration

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Visit on Tuesday, August 9, 2016
from 12-6 p.m. at the High School.

August 1, 2016 – Board of Education Meeting Highlights

Only one month before school starts! We are excited to welcome our Vikings back on September 1!

1. **Buildings and Grounds Update-** Progress on all projects continues and remains on track. Much of the work occurring is now becoming visible to the casual observer. Simply walking into the gymnasium you will notice a fresh paint job on the ceiling and air handling duct work wrapped in Viking red!
2. **Village of Mount Horeb Tax Incremental Finance District #5** - The Board had the opportunity to learn more about the Village's proposed Tax Incremental Finance District. In essence, a TIF (or TID) will freeze tax revenue for the school district at 2016 levels for a certain stretch of downtown parcels (please see the Village's website for the specific area potentially impacted); however, any additional revenue the village collects on enhanced property values will be funneled back into the downtown area for purposes of rejuvenating infrastructure and further business development. If approved, the TIF would extend for a period of up to 27 years.

Board of Education Vice President Dani Michels has volunteered to serve as a member of the Village's Joint Review Board. The JR B will be making a final decision on Wednesday, August 18. In the interim, school board members are interested in feedback our community may have about this proposed project. Specifically, a question has arisen with regard to the potential impact of a TIF on any proposed district referendum. If you would like to share your insights, please feel free to drop me an email at salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us, and I will forward your thoughts to the Board. Alternatively, you are always welcome to reach out to the Board, personally. Their contact information can be found by clicking this link: <http://www.mhasd.k12.wi.us/page/6>

3. **Student/Parent/Staff Recognition at Board of Education meetings:** You don't need me to tell you that we have buildings full of amazing students! That is why our Board of Education is interested in starting a new tradition. At the beginning of most every Board meeting, they are interested in showcasing the distinguished talents of our students. They also know our students' parents and staff are instrumental in nurturing many of these talents. As a result, they, too, will be honored.

Teachers and staff are welcome to nominate a student by sending me an email which outlines the nature of their chosen student's exemplary achievement. Our Administrative Council will review all recommendations, and where appropriate, they will arrange an opportunity for both the student and the nominating staff member to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

4. **Secured Entryways** - The Secured Entrances Team will meet on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the District Office. Among items to be discussed include:
 - a. Updates from Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Dave Reed (A revised quote from one vendor to begin work at the PC, discussion of specs for "Lobby Guard", and final disposition of the software program "Raptor".)
 - b. Each team will have an opportunity to review proposed language related to the procedures being considered for secured entry implementation.

Lastly, the Board heard the preliminary feedback about the Raptor program in our initial phase of our secured entry plan. There appears to be general consensus amongst team members this may not be a good fit for us, at this time; however, a final determination will be made at our August 4, 2016 meeting.

That's all for now. Please call on me if I can be of service. In the meantime, I am proud to be a Viking, and I hope you are too!

Steve