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Board Members,

Please see the report below for the School Board Meeting on Monday, July 10th:

Meetings - I have started my entry process into the district! So far, there has been a strong response from staff, board members and community members to the invitations to meet. I have already found these interactions insightful as to processes and relationships inside and outside of the district. For most meetings, I will be taking notes on the shared perspectives and compiling the information for future analysis. If you have not set up a time to meet with me individually, please connect with Marilyn or myself.

Budget - I have begun a review of financial reports related to our district's budget. I have found the Ehler's report, [specifically the 5-year projection](#), to be most helpful. I share our collective concern about the coming years. I will continue to dig into additional ramifications from the recent legislative session. Regardless of the session's impact on our district's finances, we will need to secure additional funding of some type to sustain our programming at the level our communities expect.

LPN position - There is a full-time student with significant health needs attending one of our schools. Previously, the district contracted LPN services with a company to provide the necessary care for the student to access their education. Like most medical providers, the contracted service is struggling to find nurses and cannot guarantee a person, resulting in us needing to assign our school nurse to provide individualized care.

Ms. Johnson worked with Ms. Borrell and Ms. Tormanen [to determine hiring a LPN as an HLWW employee](#) resulted in a cost savings as compared to contracting for LPN services. Ms. Johnson is finalizing a proposal for your consideration.

SEAT Position - Our new Special Education Director, Ms. Kelly Kilma, is closing the loop on a proposal worked on by her predecessor and Mr. Sellner. The proposal is to add a Special Education Assessment Teacher (SEAT). This professional provides support for completion of evaluations needed for Special Education programming. You can click [HERE](#) for an in-depth description of the position.

I do know positions of this sort are more common in schools and districts as regulations become increasingly more strict to access Special Education funding. In addition, positions of this nature are eligible for reimbursement (at 60%) and can generate additional revenue through 3rd party billing. I would support at least a .5 FTE for this position.

Parades - I attended the Howard Lake Good Neighbor Days parade a couple weeks ago and had a great time! Kudos to Mr. Sellner for coordinating the truck, signs and candy! I will be participating in Waverly's parade on Sunday!