

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #832
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday, August 9, 2007 - 7:00 PM
Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room

The Mission of the Mahtomedi School District No. 832, as a multi-community public school system, is to provide individually challenging, lifelong learning experiences for all people, leading to productive and self-fulfilling roles in a global society, accomplished through partnerships with students, families, staff and communities all committed to excellence.

- AGENDA -

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA - See #14 for Consent Agenda Items
5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION
 - A. There will be no building presentation/school board recognition this month.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
Visitors attending the meeting who wish to address the school board on any issue that is on the agenda may do so at this time. Please refer to the last page for the procedure that has been established for public comments.
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Presenter: Denise Sundstrom

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G. Personnel
1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements
a. John Arlandson - Math Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (2007-2008)
b. Sarah Boyer - Special Education Teacher - Wildwood and O. H. Anderson Elementary Schools (2007-2008)
c. Walter Dowling - Teacher - Mahtomedi Learning Center (2007-2008)
d. Sara Dusek - First Grade Teacher - Wildwood Elementary School (2007-2008)
e. Cory Fusco - Math Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (2007-2008)

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- f. Christa Kurtz-Huber - .83 FTE Spanish Teacher - Mahtomedi Middle School (2007-2008)
- g. Judith Livingston - Reading Teacher - Wildwood Elementary School (2007-2008)
- h. Teresa Nelson - .5 FTE Spanish Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (2007-2008)
- i. Melissa Peterson - .5 FTE Art Teacher - Mahtomedi Middle School (2007-2008)
- j. Susan Robinson - Kindergarten Teacher - Wildwood Elementary School (2007-2008)
- k. Erica Ryan - Spanish Teacher - Wildwood Elementary School (2007-2008)
- 2. Approval of Leaves of Absence
 - a. Dan Murphy - Science Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (1/28/08 to 6/6/08)
- 3. Approval of Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
 - a. Andrea Christensen - English Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (7/30/07)
 - b. Dan Schwartz - Math Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (7/12/07)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thank you for coming. The School Board of Independent School District #832 hopes you will find the meeting informative. By attending, you will better understand how your school district operates. The School Board meeting is a meeting "in public," and not a public meeting. In order to conduct its work in a professional and business-like manner, the school board has established the following rules for conducting the meeting:

- Comments and questions on issues are welcome at the scheduled time on the agenda. The school board is prohibited by law from discussing concerns about individual employees or students in a public meeting. Please forward comments or issues regarding individual employees or students to the superintendent at mwolak@mahtomedi.k12.mn.us or 651-407-2001.
- If you would like to speak to the school board, you will be recognized during Public Comment. The public may comment on any item on the agenda. The school board generally does not take action on any issue that is not on the agenda. Concerns or questions are forwarded to the superintendent for review and recommended action before consideration by the school board. Unless requested by a school board member, items on the consent agenda are not discussed by the school board at the meeting.
- The chairperson will ask citizens in attendance to sign in if they wish to address the school board. If you are late and wish to speak, please give your name, address, and agenda number to the clerk when you arrive.
- Individuals will be recognized in the order received. Since we are videotaping tonight's meeting for delayed broadcast, individuals who wish to address the school board or ask questions need to go to the microphone. Please state your name and address after being recognized and limit your comments to three minutes (approximately 450 written words). Everyone wishing to comment will be recognized and heard before anyone speaks twice.

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **July 12, 2007**, beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:59 a.m. by Chair Judy Schwartz.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: John Belisle; Cathy Dalton; Kevin Donovan; Bill Roberts; Judy Schwartz; Steve Wolgamot; and Superintendent Mark Wolak, ex officio.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Roberts moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA - See #14 for Consent Agenda Items

Wolgamot moved, Roberts seconded, approval of the actions recommended on the consent agenda. Carried.

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 14, 2007 - Regular Meeting

Donovan moved, Roberts seconded, approval of the minutes from the June 14, 2007, school board meeting. Carried.

B. June 29, 2007 - Study Session

Donovan moved, Roberts seconded, approval of the minutes from the May 25, 2007, school board study session. Carried.

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Health and Safety Attachment 99

Phil Belden, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, reviewed health and safety attachment 99 with school board members. School board member Steve Wolgamot expressed his appreciation for the level of detail in the report. School board member Kevin Donovan asked if there is a correlation between the safety report and insurance rates. Denise Sundstrom said there is a positive impact on insurance rates when health and safety measures are taken. Roberts moved, Belisle seconded, approval of health and safety attachment 99. Carried.

10. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Calendar of Events

Chair Judy Schwartz reviewed the calendar of events.

B. Contracts for Facility Planning and Facility Development with the Center for Efficient School Operations (CESO) and Johnson Controls, Inc.

Superintendent Mark Wolak requested direction from the school board with regard to improvements or changes to the proposed contracts for facility planning and improvements. School board members asked questions specific to each of the agreements. In the Johnson Controls Inc. agreement, three areas for additional analysis include: 1) the commitment of all three phases of contracted work, 2) the potential choice of the school district to complete only Phase One and Two contract work, and, 3) the district ownership and access to documents created. School board member Steve Wolgamot requested the school district obtain legal review of both contracts and to seek advice regarding the requirements for the competitive bid process.

Chuck Corliss, Center for Efficient School Operations (CESO), answered questions regarding the proposed agreement with CESO and the school district. Areas addressed included language regarding termination of the agreement, fees assessed, and the professional services to be rendered.

Wolak and Denise Sundstrom, Director of Business Services, will seek additional counsel and schedule a school board facility committee meeting for August 1. Additional school board members may attend this meeting.

11. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board

None.

B. East Metro Integration District 6067 (EMID)

School board member Kevin Donovan provided an information brochure to the school board.

C. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Legislative Liaison

School board member Cathy Dalton reported on the upcoming Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Conference in August.

D. Northeast Metro 916 Board

None.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science - Scot Hovan, Mahtomedi High School

Superintendent Mark Wolak shared an announcement regarding the selection of teacher Scot Hovan as one of two state finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. Board members expressed their appreciation for Hovan's contribution to the students and the community and offered congratulations for this special recognition.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Wolgamot moved, Belisle seconded, adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m. Carried.

14. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Items Approved Under #4)

A. Approval to Pay Bills

B. Approval of Wire Transfer Transactions

C. Gifts/Grants

1. Approval of Donation from Mahtomedi Middle School Parent Association to Mahtomedi Middle School - \$5,300
2. Approval of Donation from CLIMB Theatre, Inc. to Community Education Senior Program - \$1,000
3. Approval of Donation from American Legion Post 507 to Community Education Senior Program - \$500

- D. Personnel
 - 1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements
 - a. Lara Cappelen - Special Education Teacher - O. H. Anderson Elementary School (2007-2008)
 - b. Leah Wynveen - Art Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (2007-2008)
 - 2. Approval of Leaves of Absence
 - a. Linda Evans - Early Childhood Special Education - Wildwood Elementary School and District Education Center (1/3/08 to 4/11/08)
 - b. Laurie Ring - Occupational Therapist - Wildwood Elementary School (2007-2008)
 - 3. Approval of Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
 - a. Marlene Grant - Paraprofessional - Mahtomedi High School (7/1/2007)

WILLIAM ROBERTS, CLERK

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING
OF SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #832
(Mahtomedi)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a _____ meeting of School Board of Independent School District No. 832, State of Minnesota, was held on _____, 2007, at _____-o'clock __.m., for the purpose, in part, of approving the Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate School District No. 916's health and safety program budget and authorizing the inclusion of a proportionate share of Intermediate School District's health and safety projects in the district's application for health and safety revenue.

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 916'S HEALTH AND
SAFETY PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION
OF A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THOSE PROJECTS IN THE
DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REVENUE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 832, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The school board of Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate School District No. 916 has approved a health and safety program budget for its facilities for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$54,709. The various components of this program budget are attached as EXHIBIT A hereto and are incorporated herein by reference. Said budget is hereby approved.

2. Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.57, Subdivision 1, as amended, provides that if an intermediate school district's health and safety budget is approved by the school boards of each of the intermediate school district's member school districts, each member district may include its proportionate share of the costs of the intermediate school district program in its health and safety revenue application.

3. The proportionate share of the costs of the intermediate school district's health and safety program for each member school district to be included in its application shall be determined by utilizing a blended rate where half of the rate is determined by multiplying the total cost of the intermediate school district health and safety program times the ratio of the member school district's net tax capacity to the total net tax capacity of the intermediate school district and half of the rate is determined by multiplying the total cost of the intermediate school district health and safety program times the ratio of ADM utilization by district to the total ADM utilization. The inclusion of this proportionate share in the district's health and safety revenue application for fiscal year

2008 is hereby approved, subject to approval by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education.

4. Upon receipt of the proportionate share of health and safety revenue attributable to the intermediate school district program, the district shall promptly pay to the intermediate school district the applicable aid or levy proceeds.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____ and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF _____

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 832, State of Minnesota, hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes of a meeting of Independent School District No. 832 held on the date therein indicated, with the original of said minutes on file in my office, and the same is a full, true and complete transcript insofar as the same relates to the approval of Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate School District No. 916's health and safety program budget and authorizing the inclusion of a proportionate share of the Intermediate School District's health and safety projects in the district's application for health and safety revenue.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Clerk this ____ day of _____, 2007.

Clerk
Independent School District No. 832

Northeast Metro 916
Health and Safety
Exhibit A

District #	District Name	Weighted <u>Average*</u>
12	Centennial	\$ 3,001.87
13	Columbia Heights	\$ 5,207.57
832	Mahtomedi	\$ 1,972.17
621	Moundsview	\$ 5,895.35
138	North Branch	\$ 932.94
622	North St. Paul	\$ 9,054.66
623	Roseville	\$ 6,596.16
833	South Washington County	\$ 9,139.31
16	Spring Lake Park	\$ 2,451.27
834	Stillwater	\$ 5,096.42
624	White Bear Lake	\$ 5,361.28
		\$ 54,709.00

FIN Code

347	\$3,000
349	\$1,000
352	\$40,209
358	\$7,000
363	\$3,500
	\$54,709

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISD #832 AND ISD #834
FOR THE PROVISION OF FOOD SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered into by and between Independent School District No. 832, Mahtomedi Public Schools, “Contractor” and Independent School District No. 834, Stillwater Area Public Schools, “Provider.”

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement desire to make available to each party the administrative and financial benefits of cooperative purchasing and selling with respect to common items or services used by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement wish to combine their purchasing powers in order to secure the most favorable terms and conditions on the purchase of equipment, materials, services and supplies;

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement desire to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement to facilitate the purchase of goods and services as described below, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, as amended, which authorizes political subdivisions to enter into an agreement to exercise jointly the governmental powers and functions each has individually

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and intending to be mutually bound hereby, it is hereby agreed, by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. Scope of Contract

Provider shall perform consulting, management and food services operations for the Contractor. Provider shall comply with the applicable provisions of the National School Lunch Act, and United States Department of Agriculture

("USDA") regulations set forth in 7 C.F.R. § 210, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations of federal, state and local authorities.

2. Food Service

A. Provider shall serve, on such days and at such times as requested by the District:

- a) Lunches which meet the requirements prescribed by the USDA and which provide one-third to one-half of the daily nutritional and calorie needs of children from elementary to high school age;
- b) Milk; and
- c) Such other food as may be agreed upon by the parties.

B. Provider shall cooperate with Contractor in promoting nutrition education aspects of the food service operation, in the Contractor's efforts to coordinate those aspects with classroom instruction at all student levels, and in providing nutrition education materials to classes as requested by Contractor.

C. The food service facilities shall be available at all hours for social or school events as required by Contractor; provided, however, that Contractor shall not use or allow the food service facilities to be used in such a manner or at such hours so as to impede or interfere with Provider's ability to perform its obligations hereunder.

D. Contractor shall prepare any notice to parents or guardians containing the eligibility guidelines for federal free and reduced priced meal programs, as well as a description of how the anonymity of the students receiving meals under the programs shall be protected. Contractor shall retain signature authority on the State Agency School Authority application agreement(s), free and reduced price policy statement and the claims for reimbursement.

3. Facilities and Equipment

A. Contractor shall make available to Provider all facilities required for operation of the food service, completely equipped and ready to operate. Contractor retains ownership of all such facilities, including any kitchen equipment and small wares.

B. Contractor shall make all equipment repairs and replacements and shall furnish equipment maintenance service for the premises utilized under this Agreement.

C. Provider shall be responsible for the care and cleaning of all equipment and the food preparation, storage and service counter areas to the satisfaction of the Contractor. Following meal service, the cleaning of the dining area, tables and chairs, and cleaning walls, floors, windows, and lights fixtures, shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

D. Provider shall be responsible for the sanitary handling of garbage and trash as necessary for the food service operations and placement of trash in the building to a location designated by Contractor. Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of trash and garbage from the school building sites.

4. Health Certification

Provider shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the preparation, handling and serving of food, and shall procure on behalf of Contractor and keep in effect all licenses, permits and food handlers' cards as are required by law and shall comply with any posting requirements. Provider shall pay for all such required licenses, permits, food handlers' cards and health certifications.

5. Personnel

A. Provider shall employ all necessary employees to properly staff the food service operations at Contractor's school sites. It is understood and agreed that all staff assigned by Provider to Contractor's school sites are Provider's employees and shall not, for any purposes, be considered employees of Contractor. Provider shall be responsible for hiring, firing, supervision and discipline of its employees who are assigned to the Contractor's school sites. Provider shall ensure that it meets all of its obligations to provide insurance for its employees, including but not limited to workers compensation insurance, and that any claims made by Provider's employees assigned to Contractor's school sites shall be made to Provider's insurance carriers under Provider's insurance policies.

B. Provider shall maintain an adequate supervisory staff of its employees at Contractor's school sites to assist and supervise its employees in the provision of food service under this Agreement. Provider shall provide administrative, dietetic, purchasing, and personnel advice and supervision, including an on-site manager at each school.

6. Purchasing

Provider is empowered under this Agreement to make purchases through the competitive bidding process, where the award is made to the lowest responsible bidder. When making a joint purchase, Contractor and Provider shall consult to

ensure that requirements of both affected districts are included, and the specifications for the equipment, materials, services and supplies that meet the needs of both districts are included. After bids or other solicitations for joint purchases have been received by Provider, Contractor shall execute its own purchasing document with the vendor. Contractor shall make payment directly to the contract vendor according to the established procedures of Contractor. Each district shall be separately accountable for its own expenditures of public funds made hereunder. No district shall assume responsibility for the accountability of funds expended by the other district.

For the 2007-2008 school year, Contractor shall purchase the food and supplies necessary for its food service operation based upon the competitive bid already accepted by Provider. Provider shall enter into an agreement with the contract vendor chosen for the 2007-2008 school year to permit Contractor to purchase based upon this accepted bid from the contract vendor.

7. Term of Agreement and Disposition of Property upon Expiration of the Joint Powers Agreement

This Joint Powers Agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, with the option to renew the Agreement for two successive one-year terms. Each option to renew may be exercised by written notice to Provider by May 1 of the initial contract term or the renewal term. The parties agree that they shall work cooperatively and jointly to resolve any issues which arise during the performance of this Agreement. The parties further agree that any changes made to the Agreement shall be documented in writing. Upon expiration of the Agreement, any supplies or property acquired by Contractor as a result of the Joint Powers Agreement shall remain the property of Contractor.

8. Contractor shall pay Provider an annual administrative fee of Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$81,110.00) distributed equally in ten (10) installments (September through June), within ten (10) days after receipt of an invoice from Provider. This fee reflects the costs to Provider in operating and managing the program. In addition, Provider shall invoice Contractor for the actual costs in salaries and benefits for Provider's employees assigned to Contractor's school sites. No other costs associated with this Agreement shall be passed along to Contractor unless specifically agreed upon in writing by the parties.

9. Notices

Any notices to or communication with ISD No. 832 for purposes of this Agreement shall be sent to:

Denise Sundstrom
Director of Business Services
Mahtomedi Public Schools
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue
Mahtomedi, Minnesota
55115

Any notices to or communication with ISD No. 834 for purposes of this Agreement shall be sent to:

Ray Queener
Assistant Superintendent of Business & Administrative Services
Stillwater Area Public Schools
1875 South Greeley Street
Stillwater, Minnesota
55082

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ISD No. 832 and ISD No. 834 have executed this Agreement by the signatures below and have approved this Agreement by their respective school boards, on the dates written below.

_____ Date: _____
Independent School District No. 832

_____ Date: _____
Independent School District No. 834

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST		
DATE/TIME	MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
<u>Wednesday, August 8</u> 6:00 p.m.	Northeast Metro 916 School Board Meeting	Bellaire School, White Bear Lake
<u>Thursday, August 9</u> 7:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting	District Education Center - Community Room
<u>Monday, August 13</u> 7:30 p.m.	MAEF Board of Trustees Meeting	District Education Center - Board Room
<u>Thursday, August 16</u> 7:00 a.m.	AMSD Board of Directors Meeting	Bloomington Sheraton, Minneapolis
<u>Wednesday, August 22</u> 6:00 p.m.	EMID Joint Powers School Board Meeting	Harambee Elementary School, Maplewood
<u>Wednesday, August 22 – Friday, August 24</u>	New Employee Orientation	
<u>Friday, August 24</u> 7:00 a.m.	School Board Study Session	District Education Center - Community Room
<u>Monday, August 27</u> 7:15 a.m.	Opening Workshop (breakfast starting at 7:15/program to follow at 8:00)	MHS Commons & Chautauqua Center
<u>Monday, August 27 – Thursday, August 30</u>	Staff Development	

SEPTEMBER		
DATE/TIME	MEETING/EVENT	LOCATION
<u>Tuesday, September 4</u> 6:00 p.m.	First Day of School Northeast Metro 916 School Board Meeting	Bellaire School, White Bear Lake
<u>Monday, September 10</u> 7:30 p.m.	MAEF Board of Trustees Meeting	District Education Center - Board Room
<u>Thursday, September 13</u> 7:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting	District Education Center - Community Room
<u>Friday, September 14</u> 7:00 a.m.	AMSD Board of Directors Meeting	TIES Building, St. Paul
<u>Wednesday, September 19</u> 6:00 p.m.	EMID Joint Powers School Board Meeting	Harambee Elementary School, Maplewood
<u>Friday, September 28</u> 7:00 a.m.	School Board Study Session	District Education Center



NORTHEAST METRO 916
Intermediate School District

TO: Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education
FROM: Connie Hayes
DATE: July 17, 2007
RE: July 17 Board of Education Meeting Talking Points

Members present: Halverson-12, Roberts-13, Forsberg-16, Sager-621, Parsons-624, Belisle-832, Brunnette-833, and Thole-834.

Members absent: Salo-138, Livingston-622, and Majerus-623.

Among a number of topics discussed at the July 17, 2007, meeting of the Northeast Metro 916 Board of Education, the following agenda items were addressed:

1. **Mary Anderson, the new principal at Valley Crossing Community School effective July 1, was introduced.** Anderson has been an elementary principal for the Red Wing School District for 13 years.
2. **Janet Erickson, the new manager of the Alternate Learning Programs at Capitol View and Valley Crossing, the Creative Alternatives Program, and Project Return, was introduced.** Erickson worked for the past two years as the supervisor and due process specialist at Capitol View Center.
3. **The school board approved revised membership categories and related costs, benefits, and obligations.** The current membership structure is serving Northeast Metro 916 and its member districts very well. Item 1 reflects the change in affiliate membership qualification approved in March 2007. Item 6 reflects the change in the special education tuition billing system. Item 7 clarifies current procedure. Item 18 reflects discontinuation of TransACT service and Item 19 is still under consideration by the administration.
4. **The school board approved the Northeast Metro 96 organizational chart and related positions for 2007-2008.** The superintendent is studying the future for career and technical education, which included, but is not limited to, a discussion with Century College for possible collaboration. Jessica Wiley will take over the leadership of career and technical education during this interim

- period and potentially on a permanent basis. The Career and Technical Center is hiring a teacher on special assignment to support Manager Deanne DeGraff.
5. **The school board reinstated the Career and Technical Center's Youth Apprenticeship program.** On April 3, 2007, the school board adopted a resolution discontinuing the program, but sufficient registrations for 2007-2008 have been received to fully cover the cost of operating the program.
 6. **The school board approved Northeast Metro 916's Health and Safety Program budget and authorized the inclusion of those projects in the district's application for health and safety revenue.** Each member district will need to take action on their share of this budget by August 31. The meeting also included approval of Northeast Metro 916's Attachment 99 and the Health and Safety Assessment Findings by Mike Weigel (Metro ECSU), as well as approval of district plans dealing with health and safety.
 7. **The school board adopted the Strategic Roadmap for 2007-2008 as presented and directed the superintendent to budget for adequate resources and develop appropriate work plans to initiate these activities.** The new strategic roadmap was presented to the school board for review and comment at the June meeting. The accomplishment of these initiatives over the next 3-5 years will contribute to our mission and add value to our students and member districts.
 8. **The school board readopted the operating norms contained in the attachment to guide the work of the school board and relationship between the school board and the superintendent.** The policy leadership role of the school board is enhanced when directors take the time to establish operating norms and standards to guide their work. By readopting the operating norms, the school board affirms both the agreements and the importance of these norms.

FUND SUMMARY
FOR BANK 02 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECKS
DATE RANGE: 7/01/2007 - 7/31/2007

<u>FUND</u>	<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>ISSUED TOTAL</u>	<u>VOIDED TOTAL</u>
001	GENERAL FUND	705,656.41	553.34
002	FUND SERVICE	3,430.45	
003	TRANSPORTATION	42,360.00	
004	COMMUNITY SERVICE	80,253.32	384.00
005	CAPITAL OUTLAY	195,816.83	
007	DEBT REDEMPTION	2,285.00	
025	DONATIONS / ACTIVITIES	43,112.61	
050	HS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	6,196.23	
	TOTALS	<u>1,079,110.85</u>	<u>937.34</u>

Check Register Report

JULY 2007

Bank Number	Check Number	Check Status	Check Amount	Check Date	Vendor Number	Vendor Name
2	316847	C	\$307.64	7/2/07	00094	AMERICAN FAMILY ASSURANCE
2	316848	C	\$567.52	7/2/07	00939	GENERAL REVENUE CORP
2	316849	C	\$35.80	7/2/07	01556	MAHTOMEDI AREA EDUC.FOUNDATION
2	316850	C	\$224.00	7/2/07	01740	MINN NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS
2	316851	C	\$342.00	7/2/07	05124	MN DEPT. OF REVENUE(C)
2	316852	C	\$9,485.24	7/2/07	01807	MN TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSN
2	316853	C	\$14.90	7/2/07	01888	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES
2	316854	C	\$685.00	7/2/07	02017	OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL
2	316855	C	\$705.18	7/2/07	02048	OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL #70
2	316856		\$697.00	7/5/07	00002	3M CENTER
2	316857	C	\$300.00	7/5/07	03455	AARP
2	316858	C	\$2,251.65	7/5/07	00049	ADVANCED SPORTSWEAR INC
2	316859	C	\$693.84	7/5/07	00080	ALPHAGRAPHICS # 401
2	316860	C	\$62.50	7/5/07	00363	ANGELA BUCKINGHAM
2	316861	C	\$210.00	7/5/07	03890	ANTHONY KELLY
2	316862	C	\$31.95	7/5/07	00166	ART VIDEO WORLD
2	316863	C	\$1,800.00	7/5/07	00257	BERRYS FLOOR COVERING
2	316864	C	\$1,013.63	7/5/07	05861	BILL GANGL
2	316865	C	\$188.90	7/5/07	00288	BLACK MAGAZINE AGENCY
2	316866	C	\$2,272.91	7/5/07	04652	BUSINESS EDUCATION PUBLISHING
2	316867	C	\$230.00	7/5/07	00437	CDW GOVERNMENT INC
2	316868	C	\$350.00	7/5/07	03895	CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2	316869	C	\$102.40	7/5/07	00494	CMERDC
2	316870		\$1,549.30	7/5/07	03897	CONCORDIA ACADEMY
2	316871	C	\$525.00	7/5/07	03898	CONVENT OF THE VISITATION SCHOOL
2	316872	C	\$2,195.61	7/5/07	00553	CORPORATE EXPRESS
2	316873	C	\$350.00	7/5/07	03899	CRETIN-DERHAM HALL
2	316874	C	\$260.00	7/5/07	04562	DAVID DONOHOE
2	316875	C	\$96.00	7/5/07	00964	DEEP ROCK / GLENWOOD
2	316876	C	\$1,351.95	7/5/07	03433	DELL COMPUTER CORP.
2	316877	C	\$70.63	7/5/07	00634	DEMCO

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2	316878	C	\$256.73	7/5/07	03514	DENISE SUNDSTROM
2	316879	C	\$49.87	7/5/07	00128	DEREK ANDERSON
2	316880	C	\$8,586.00	7/5/07	03742	DISTRIBUTED WEBSITE CORPORATION
2	316881	C	\$1,491.69	7/5/07	00722	EBSCO
2	316882	C	\$478.36	7/5/07	00783	EPA AUDIO VISUAL
2	316883	C	\$60.60	7/5/07	00817	FEDEX
2	316884		\$4,900.00	7/5/07	03729	HILL MURRAY H.S
2	316885	C	\$161.00	7/5/07	01133	HOBART SERVICES
2	316886	C	\$1,749.00	7/5/07	01164	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN CO
2	316887		\$25.00	7/5/07	03331	I.S.D # 622 COMMUNITY ED
2	316888	C	\$500.00	7/5/07	03222	I.S.D # 625 -ST PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2	316889	C	\$900.00	7/5/07	04153	INSTITUTE FOR MULTI-SENSORY
2	316890	C	\$235.00	7/5/07	05856	JAKE KLEM
2	316891	C	\$548.44	7/5/07	02616	JENNIFER STEIGER
2	316892	C	\$2,553.18	7/5/07	04068	JOHN DEIR
2	316893	C	\$6.45	7/5/07	01300	JOSTENS
2	316894	V	\$193.42	7/5/07	01950	KATHE NICKLEBY
2	316895	C	\$150.00	7/5/07	03750	KENNEDY & GRAVEN CHARTERED
2	316896		\$175.00	7/5/07	03901	KING OF KINGS LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2	316897	C	\$1,041.43	7/5/07	01419	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS
2	316898	C	\$713.00	7/5/07	03195	LASERPLUS, LLC
2	316899	C	\$2,100.00	7/5/07	03916	LIBERTY CLASSICAL ACADEMY
2	316900	C	\$215.79	7/5/07	02862	LYNNE VIKER
2	316901	C	\$365.84	7/5/07	01539	MACKIN LIBRARY MEDIA
2	316902		\$30.00	7/5/07	01548	MAEOP
2	316903	C	\$56.00	7/5/07	04565	MARA HJELLE
2	316904		\$1,877.00	7/5/07	01609	MASA/MASE
2	316905	C	\$183.70	7/5/07	01672	MEDCO SUPPLY INC
2	316906	C	\$832.00	7/5/07	01694	MESPA/NAESP
2	316907	C	\$210.00	7/5/07	05859	MIKE SONNEK
2	316908	C	\$135.00	7/5/07	02340	MILES RUDE
2	316909	C	\$109.80	7/5/07	05837	MINNESOTA'S BOOKSTORE
2	316910	C	\$40.00	7/5/07	04443	MN ASSOC. OF SECRETARIES TO THE PRINCIPAL
2	316911		\$150.00	7/5/07	01771	MN BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRAT

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2	316912	C	\$1,041.00	7/5/07	05841	MN WALDORF
2	316913	C	\$7,672.30	7/5/07	03902	MOUNDS PARK ACADEMY
2	316914	C	\$53.01	7/5/07	01871	NASCO
2	316915	C	\$80.00	7/5/07	05836	NASSP/NHS/NJHS
2	316916	C	\$1,575.00	7/5/07	03904	NEW LIFE ACADEMY
2	316917	C	\$525.00	7/5/07	03905	NORTH HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
2	316918	C	\$528.00	7/5/07	05844	NORTH MOUTAIN PUBLISHING CO
2	316919	C	\$240.00	7/5/07	01971	NORTHEAST METRO 916
2	316920	C	\$39,580.00	7/5/07	01971	NORTHEAST METRO 916
2	316921	C	\$24,973.00	7/5/07	03188	NWEA
2	316922	C	\$700.00	7/5/07	05826	OAK HILL MONTESORI
2	316923	C	\$834.47	7/5/07	05056	PAUL MCGIBBON
2	316924	C	\$339.35	7/5/07	05675	PCI EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING
2	316925	C	\$260.00	7/5/07	05857	PETER IHRKE
2	316926	C	\$65.88	7/5/07	02142	PIONEER PRESS
2	316927	C	\$45.31	7/5/07	02161	POPP TELECOM
2	316928	C	\$639.51	7/5/07	02175	PRENTICE HALL SC DIV/PEARSON ED.
2	316929	C	\$192.00	7/5/07	05860	RYLOY STONE
2	316930	C	\$148.17	7/5/07	01720	SARAH LORNTSON
2	316931	C	\$154.00	7/5/07	02406	SCHMITT MUSIC CENTERS
2	316932	C	\$2,750.00	7/5/07	03369	SCHOOLFINANCES.COM
2	316933	C	\$36.99	7/5/07	02473	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO
2	316934	C	\$322.44	7/5/07	02564	SPEEDWAY SUPERAMERICA LLC
2	316935		\$350.00	7/5/07	03907	ST ANNE'S ACADEMY
2	316936	C	\$2,275.00	7/5/07	03909	ST PAUL ACADEMY
2	316937	C	\$700.00	7/5/07	02594	ST THOMAS ACADEMY
2	316938	C	\$81.70	7/5/07	04483	STAR TRIBUNE
2	316939	C	\$33.90	7/5/07	02698	TEACHER'S DISCOVERY
2	316940	C	\$49.95	7/5/07	01997	THE NUTRITION COMPANY
2	316941	C	\$5,537.20	7/5/07	02039	THE OMNI GROUP
2	316942	C	\$125.00	7/5/07	04258	THRIVING WORKPLACES
2	316943	C	\$10,997.44	7/5/07	02747	TIERNEY BROTHERS INC
2	316944	C	\$80,876.45	7/5/07	02748	TIES
2	316945	C	\$175.00	7/5/07	03910	TOTINO-GRACE SCHOOL

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2	316946	C	\$175.00	7/5/07	05843	TRINITY SCHOOL AT RIVERS EDGE
2	316947	C	\$210.00	7/5/07	05858	TYLER STONE
2	316948	C	\$1,035.00	7/5/07	02807	U S BANK TRUST N A
2	316949	C	\$175.00	7/5/07	03911	WHITE BEAR MONTESSORI
2	316950	C	\$350.00	7/5/07	05842	WOODCREST BAPTIST ACADEMY
2	316951	C	\$837.78	7/5/07	03017	XEROX CORPORATION
2	316952	C	\$4,989.36	7/5/07	03017	XEROX CORPORATION
2	316953	C	\$260.00	7/5/07	04558	ZACH GOODWIN
2	316955		\$272.10	7/12/07	05862	2007 SENIOR CLASS PARTY
2	316956	C	\$71.97	7/12/07	00016	ABBOTT PAINT & CARPET CO
2	316957	C	\$43,400.00	7/12/07	03959	ADVANCED ROOFING SOLUTIONS,LLC
2	316958	C	\$1,069.92	7/12/07	03870	ALL CITIES CLEANING,LLC
2	316959	C	\$75.68	7/12/07	00116	AMERICA'S CHILD - MAHTOMEDI
2	316960	C	\$26,118.00	7/12/07	04691	BLOOMINGTON COMPENSATION INS CO
2	316961	C	\$9,136.00	7/12/07	03930	AMSD
2	316962	C	\$2,522.27	7/12/07	00153	APPLIED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES INC
2	316963	C	\$252.00	7/12/07	05851	AUDAZ DESIGN
2	316964	C	\$83.27	7/12/07	00208	BARNES & NOBLE
2	316965	C	\$35.98	7/12/07	00220	BATTERIES PLUS
2	316966	C	\$5,924.00	7/12/07	00257	BERRYS FLOOR COVERING
2	316967	C	\$675.00	7/12/07	03057	BRAD BERGIE
2	316968	C	\$9,464.27	7/12/07	01572	CITY OF MAHTOMEDI
2	316969	C	\$26.51	7/12/07	02945	CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE
2	316970	C	\$727.80	7/12/07	00494	CMERDC
2	316971	C	\$9,643.58	7/12/07	00527	COMSTOCK & SONS INC
2	316972	C	\$49.68	7/12/07	00553	CORPORATE EXPRESS
2	316973	C	\$8,586.88	7/12/07	00599	DALCO
2	316974	C	\$48.95	7/12/07	00964	DEEP ROCK / GLENWOOD
2	316975	C	\$12.00	7/12/07	03328	DIVERSIFIED SNACK DIVISION
2	316976	C	\$2,400.30	7/12/07	03304	DONNA HRYNIEWICKI
2	316977	C	\$1,059.00	7/12/07	00714	EAGLE SCREEN PRINTING
2	316978	C	\$683.00	7/12/07	03241	ELECTRONIC DESIGN CO
2	316979	C	\$527.03	7/12/07	00787	ERICKSON OIL PRODUCTS INC

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2	316980	C	\$568.86	7/12/07	00803	EXPRESS PERSONNEL SERVICES INC
2	316981	C	\$544.21	7/12/07	03180	HARCOURT ACHEIVE
2	316982	C	\$1,288.00	7/12/07	01173	HUMAN SERVICES INC
2	316983	C	\$104.20	7/12/07	04468	HYDROLOGIC WATER MANAGEMENT
2	316984	C	\$555.00	7/12/07	03464	JIM HERING
2	316985		\$13.58	7/12/07	01263	JIM JENSEN
2	316986	C	\$1,912.50	7/12/07	05863	JOHNSON & CONDON P.A.
2	316987	C	\$132.00	7/12/07	05866	JOSIE SOLLE
2	316988	C	\$6,195.00	7/12/07	01300	JOSTENS / AMIOT SCHOLASTIC
2	316989	C	\$118.42	7/12/07	01950	KATHE NICKLEBY
2	316990	C	\$76.86	7/12/07	01351	KATHI KIRCHOFF
2	316991	C	\$702.00	7/12/07	03750	KENNEDY & GRAVEN CHARTERED
2	316992	C	\$402.14	7/12/07	03571	L & N HARDWARE HANK
2	316993	C	\$552.52	7/12/07	01464	LEEF SERVICES
2	316994	C	\$388.13	7/12/07	01956	LINDA NIZIOLEK
2	316995	C	\$392.00	7/12/07	03486	LRP PUBLICATIONS
2	316996	C	\$20.00	7/12/07	01557	MAHTOMEDI AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE
2	316997	C	\$240.00	7/12/07	02996	MARY BELL WOLFF
2	316998	C	\$990.00	7/12/07	01612	MASE
2	316999		\$100.00	7/12/07	01614	MASMS
2	317000	C	\$502.47	7/12/07	01684	MENARDS OAKDALE CASHWAY LUMBER
2	317001	C	\$34.40	7/12/07	01703	METROCALL
2	317002	C	\$39.36	7/12/07	03384	MID CITY LAUNDRY
2	317003	C	\$252.00	7/12/07	01744	MINNESOTA CONWAY
2	317004		\$75.00	7/12/07	01771	MN BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRAT
2	317005	C	\$9,712.50	7/12/07	01971	NORTHEAST METRO 916
2	317006	C	\$503.75	7/12/07	01974	NORTHERN ELECTRICAL
2	317007	C	\$129.00	7/12/07	02011	OAKDALE RENTAL CENTER
2	317008	C	\$360.00	7/12/07	02043	ON SITE SANITATION INC
2	317009	C	\$414.00	7/12/07	04488	ORANGE TREE EMPLOYMENT
2	317010	C	\$1,499.94	7/12/07	03338	PAN O GOLD BAKING CO
2	317011	C	\$339.18	7/12/07	04141	PAUL YDSTIE
2	317012		\$642.46	7/12/07	02165	POSTMASTER-U.S POST OFFICE
2	317013	C	\$2,978.97	7/12/07	02227	QWEST
2	317014	C	\$347.00	7/12/07	04718	ROYAL MECHANICAL INC

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2	317015	C	\$1,063.56	7/12/07	02363	SAM'S CLUB
2	317016	C	\$44.40	7/12/07	04140	SCHOOL COUNSELOR RESOURCES
2	317017	C	\$1,114.28	7/12/07	02420	SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC
2	317018	C	\$727.00	7/12/07	05867	SHAPCO PRINTING INC
2	317019	C	\$125.00	7/12/07	05864	SHIRLEY AUDORFF
2	317020	C	\$500.00	7/12/07	02608	STATE OF MINNESOTA, CPV PROGRAM
2	317021		\$333.42	7/12/07	03227	TAMARA ORDAHL
2	317022	C	\$5,509.63	7/12/07	02696	TEACHER CREATED MATERIALS INC
2	317023	C	\$5,895.30	7/12/07	05865	THE APEIRON GROUP
2	317024	C	\$350.00	7/12/07	00853	THE FLYERS
2	317025	C	\$10,800.00	7/12/07	04258	THRIVING WORKPLACES
2	317026	C	\$542.77	7/12/07	02800	TWIN CITY FILTER SERVICE INC
2	317027	C	\$30.22	7/12/07	02858	VERIZON WIRELESS
2	317028	C	\$269.40	7/12/07	02875	W E NEAL SLATE COMPANY
2	317029	C	\$1,237.61	7/12/07	02903	WASTE MANAGEMENT-BLAINE MN
2	317030	C	\$8.95	7/12/07	04788	WATER CARE
2	317031	C	\$920.00	7/12/07	02941	WHITE BEAR GLASS INC
2	317032	C	\$22,671.18	7/12/07	00723	XCEL ENERGY
2	317033	C	\$494.00	7/13/07	01773	MN CHILD SUPPORT
2	317034	C	\$78.42	7/13/07	05124	MN DEPT. OF REVENUE(C)
2	317035	C	\$8,448.72	7/13/07	01807	MN TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSN
2	317036	C	\$300.00	7/13/07	04342	WISCONSIN SCTF
2	317037	C	\$169.02	7/19/07	05832	ALL ELECTRONICS
2	317038	C	\$21.30	7/19/07	00343	ANN BROOKE
2	317039	V	\$359.92	7/19/07	00220	BATTERIES PLUS
2	317040	C	\$1,988.80	7/19/07	05839	BENCHMARK EDUCATION
2	317041	C	\$418.14	7/19/07	02530	BETHANY SNEDEN
2	317042	V	\$384.00	7/19/07	05871	BRIAN BICZKOWSKI
2	317043	C	\$129.20	7/19/07	03115	CHARLES LINDERKAMP
2	317044	C	\$4,596.56	7/19/07	00406	CHASE CARD SERVICE/BANK ONE
2	317045	C	\$5,231.21	7/19/07	00478	CITIBUSINESS CARD
2	317046	C	\$25.00	7/19/07	00495	COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
2	317047	C	\$95.00	7/19/07	01779	COMMISSIONER,MN DEPT. OF
2	317048	C	\$22.35	7/19/07	00553	CORPORATE EXPRESS
2	317049	C	\$179.00	7/19/07	04353	COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

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2	317050		\$170.00	7/19/07	04979	DELANO HIGH SCHOOL
2	317051	C	\$376.22	7/19/07	03433	DELL COMPUTER CORP.
2	317052	C	\$25,337.92	7/19/07	00626	DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES
2	317053	C	\$1,500.00	7/19/07	05873	DENISE TENNEN
2	317054		\$3,035.75	7/19/07	03304	DONNA HRYNIEWICKI
2	317055	C	\$240.00	7/19/07	00714	EAGLE SCREEN PRINTING
2	317056		\$50.00	7/19/07	00814	FARMINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
2	317057	C	\$120.00	7/19/07	03081	GRAY SEEVER
2	317058	C	\$1,028.90	7/19/07	00996	GREAT AMERICAN BUSINESS PROD'S
2	317059	C	\$4,000.00	7/19/07	03485	HALLBERG ENGINEERING
2	317060		\$42.00	7/19/07	05874	HEIDI HIPPEN
2	317061		\$160.20	7/19/07	01116	HERITAGE PRINTING
2	317062	C	\$14,193.50	7/19/07	03409	I.S.D # 624 WHITE BEAR LAKE
2	317063		\$352.97	7/19/07	05297	IKEA
2	317064	C	\$228.00	7/19/07	01258	JEN MANUFACTURING INC
2	317065	C	\$12.86	7/19/07	02616	JENNIFER STEIGER
2	317066	C	\$1,001.35	7/19/07	01270	JIFFI PRINT
2	317067	C	\$6.45	7/19/07	01300	JOSTENS
2	317068	C	\$25.15	7/19/07	02763	JULIE TOPPSON
2	317069		\$150.00	7/19/07	05868	JULIO FESSER
2	317070	C	\$1,858.00	7/19/07	03645	KEHOE OFFICE FURNISHINGS INC
2	317071	C	\$658.36	7/19/07	01372	KNOWLAN'S SUPER MARKETS
2	317072	C	\$9,507.20	7/19/07	01414	LIDLAW TRANSIT-EDUCATION
2	317073	C	\$195.98	7/19/07	00949	LAURIE GERBER
2	317074		\$387.00	7/19/07	01609	MASA/MASE
2	317075		\$219.00	7/19/07	01612	MASE
2	317076	C	\$1,261.84	7/19/07	04866	MATT SOBIESKI
2	317077		\$375.30	7/19/07	03725	MENTORING MINDS
2	317078	C	\$3,429.00	7/19/07	01699	METRO ECSU
2	317079		\$315.00	7/19/07	02245	MIKE REDMOND
2	317080		\$75.00	7/19/07	01771	MN BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRAT
2	317081	C	\$6,421.00	7/19/07	01799	MN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC
2	317082	C	\$901.49	7/19/07	04089	MN UI FUND
2	317083	C	\$70.00	7/19/07	04818	MONTGOMERY LONSDALE HS
2	317084		\$125.00	7/19/07	05141	MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL

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2	317085	C	\$11,287.99	7/19/07	01971	NORTHEAST METRO 916
2	317086	C	\$720.00	7/19/07	02043	ON SITE SANITATION INC
2	317087		\$1,208.58	7/19/07	00580	PATRICK CROTHERS
2	317088	C	\$1,484.00	7/19/07	03250	PRINTER GATE CO
2	317089	C	\$144.40	7/19/07	02227	QWEST
2	317090	C	\$35.00	7/19/07	00875	RUSSELL FRAENKEL
2	317091	C	\$5,610.80	7/19/07	02415	SCHOOL DATEBOOKS INC
2	317092	C	\$109.11	7/19/07	03371	SHOP OUTFITTERS
2	317093	C	\$2,575.22	7/19/07	04772	SKIP PELTIER CONSULTING SERVICES
2	317094	C	\$350.00	7/19/07	02547	SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOP
2	317095	C	\$120.75	7/19/07	02603	STAR TRIBUNE
2	317096		\$1,504.23	7/19/07	02929	STEVE WHEELER
2	317097		\$1,011.00	7/19/07	04234	SUPPORT SOURCE
2	317098	C	\$90.00	7/19/07	02681	T J T-SHIRTS
2	317099	C	\$35.00	7/19/07	02754	T-MOBILE
2	317100		\$110.00	7/19/07	05172	TARTAN HIGH SCHOOL
2	317101		\$18,100.00	7/19/07	02714	TEENS INC
2	317102		\$756.00	7/19/07	05870	TESSMAN SEED CO.
2	317103	C	\$1,593.75	7/19/07	04258	THRIVING WORKPLACES
2	317104	C	\$9,018.00	7/19/07	02748	TIES
2	317105		\$220.00	7/19/07	05875	WHITE BEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
2	317106	C	\$65.54	7/19/07	03017	XEROX CORPORATION
2	317107		\$384.00	7/19/07	05876	BRIAN SIEGEL
2	317108	C	\$500.00	7/25/07	02681	T J T-SHIRTS
2	317109		\$166.80	7/26/07	00016	ABBOTT PAINT & CARPET CO
2	317110		\$150.00	7/26/07	04680	ADAM PUTSCHOEGL
2	317111		\$331.23	7/26/07	00047	ADT SECURITY SYSTEMS
2	317112		\$3,390.00	7/26/07	04740	AIMSWEB/HARCOURT ASSESSMENT
2	317113		\$576.00	7/26/07	04896	AIR COMFORT SOLUTIONS,INC
2	317114		\$120.00	7/26/07	00084	AMAZON ENVIRONMENTAL INC
2	317115		\$94.00	7/26/07	05887	ANDREA BARBOUR
2	317116		\$1,738.83	7/26/07	00149	APPERSON EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS
2	317117		\$2,461.31	7/26/07	00208	BARNES & NOBLE
2	317118		\$17.99	7/26/07	00220	BATTERIES PLUS
2	317119		\$876.70	7/26/07	05839	BENCHMARK EDUCATION

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2	317125		\$258.14	7/26/07	00462	CHEMSEARCH
2	317126		\$185.00	7/26/07	05852	CHRISTOPHER FASOLI
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2	317131	C	\$55.78	7/26/07	00072	DANIEL ALBRECHT
2	317132		\$1,044.00	7/26/07	00128	DEREK ANDERSON
2	317133		\$228.00	7/26/07	00714	EAGLE SCREEN PRINTING
2	317134		\$538.92	7/26/07	00803	EXPRESS PERSONNEL SERVICES INC
2	317135	C	\$27.68	7/26/07	00987	GRAINGER
2	317136	C	\$256,459.54	7/26/07	01096	HEALTHPARTNERS
2	317137	C	\$962.18	7/26/07	05883	HEIDI GEORGE
2	317138		\$400.00	7/26/07	05886	HEIDI SALZBRENNER
2	317139		\$232.77	7/26/07	01002	HOUGHTON/GREAT SOURCE EDUCATION GROUP
2	317140	C	\$1,301.01	7/26/07	04468	HYDROLOGIC WATER MANAGEMENT
2	317141		\$5,665.23	7/26/07	03222	I.S.D # 625 -ST PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2	317142		\$18,667.84	7/26/07	01214	ING
2	317143		\$375.00	7/26/07	04724	JESSICA SCHAEZKE
2	317144	C	\$1,515.00	7/26/07	05891	JOE COSTELLO
2	317145		\$814.19	7/26/07	00069	JOHN AKINS
2	317146		\$67.69	7/26/07	01950	KATHE NICKLEBY
2	317147	C	\$400.50	7/26/07	03378	KELLY SERVICES, INC
2	317148		\$400.00	7/26/07	05884	KIRSTEN KAUFMANN
2	317149		\$5,269.04	7/26/07	01411	LAFAYETTE LIFE INSURANCE CO
2	317150	C	\$30,796.44	7/26/07	01414	LIDLAW TRANSIT-EDUCATION SERVICES
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2	317156		\$44.50	7/26/07	01557	MAHTOMEDI AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE
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2	317167	C	\$74.00	7/26/07	04488	ORANGE TREE EMPLOYMENT SCREENING
2	317168		\$387.54	7/26/07	02145	PITNEY BOWES / PURCHASE POWER
2	317169		\$1,297.33	7/26/07	02175	PRENTICE HALL SC DIV/PEARSON ED.
2	317170	C	\$277.84	7/26/07	03136	RATWIK ROSZAK & MALONEY P A
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2	317173		\$335.00	7/26/07	04726	SARAH HEDRICK
2	317174		\$621.76	7/26/07	02459	SEVEN CORNERS ACE HARDWARE INC
2	317175		\$129.78	7/26/07	02483	SIEMENS BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES
2	317176		\$432.00	7/26/07	02537	SOFTERWARE INC
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MAHTOMEDI CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS - JUNE 30, 2007 - JULY 31, 2007

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316954	7/12/07	MN Pollution Control Agency	Invoice #VP16951 Bellaire Transfer Station #2 Project Services 3/21/2007 - 6/26/2007	\$1,425.00
317192	7/26/2007	The Center forEfficient School Operations	Invoice #1008 Facilities Issues Consultation January - July 2007	\$11,250.00
317193	7/26/2007	Walker Roofing	Certificate for Payment #3 Mahtomedi Middle School Roofing	\$55,592.00
317191	7/26/2007	Royal Mechanical Inc.	Invoice #3237 MS Installation of a 25 Ton Condensing Unit	\$23,000.00
317190	7/26/2007	K & B Copy Group Inc.	Invoice #00033661 Heavy Litigation Copies - Water Damages at the MS	\$1,997.13
TOTAL				\$93,264.13

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #832
WIRE TRANSFER TRANSACTIONS
MONTH OF JULY 2007**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
7/6/07	Washington County	Smith Barney	\$475,612.03	direct county payment
7/11/07	Smith Barney	MSDLAF	\$476,026.94	cover checks
7/12/07	US Bank	M & T Bank	\$5,495.28	OMNI tsa's
7/13/07	US Bank	IRS	\$45,357.73	federal & fica taxes
7/13/07	US Bank	MN Dept of Revenue	\$7,096.74	state payroll taxes
7/13/07	US Bank	Wis. Dept. of Revenue	\$438.94	state payroll taxes
7/13/07	US Bank	Public Emp. Retirement Assoc.	\$9,080.91	pera retirement
7/13/07	MSDLAF	US Bank	\$109,926.87	cover checks
7/15/07	State of Minnesota	MN Trust	\$5,848.51	direct state payment
7/17/07	State of Minnesota	MN Trust	\$35,025.00	direct state payment
7/24/07	State of Minnesota	MN Trust	\$1,043.37	direct state payment
7/25/07	MN Trust	MSDLAF	\$500,000.00	cover checks
7/27/07	MN Trust	US Bank	\$34,787.50	Cert. of Participation 1997A
7/27/07	MN Trust	US Bank	\$41,850.00	Gen. Obligation Bond 2002B
7/27/07	MN Trust	US Bank	\$12,563.75	Go Alternative Facility Bond 2004A
7/27/07	MN Trust	US Bank	283438 1/8	Gen. Obligation Bond 2002
7/27/07	MN Trust	US Bank	\$49,637.50	School Building Refund Bond 2003B
7/30/07	State of Minnesota	MN Trust	\$55,121.93	direct state payment
7/30/07	US Bank	Region 1	\$519.73	flex benefits
7/30/07	US Bank	First Niagara Bank	\$6,182.24	OMNI tsa's
7/31/07	US Bank	IRS	\$38,932.57	federal & fica taxes
7/31/07	US Bank	MN Dept of Revenue	\$6,072.98	state payroll taxes
7/31/07	US Bank	Wis. Dept. of Revenue	\$432.65	state payroll taxes
7/31/07	US Bank	Public Emp. Retirement Assoc.	\$9,190.05	pera retirement
7/31/07	MSDLAF	US Bank	\$96,024.27	cover checks



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July 3, 2007

Superintendent Mark Wolak
Mahtomedi Public Schools
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Mahtomedi, MN 55115-1900

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your assistance and contributions to our collective efforts at the Association of Metropolitan School Districts during the 2006-07 year. As you know, we continue to face a challenging public policy climate in Minnesota. While we were successful in getting several of our platform initiatives passed during the 2007 session, much work remains to stabilize school funding and address the needs of metro schools.

AMSD continues to be the one and only education organization with the mission of advocating for the unique needs and challenges facing metropolitan school districts. We have made tremendous progress in educating our metro legislators about the need to amend the funding formula to recognize the higher labor costs in the metro area. The Location Equity Index, AMSD's initiative to address this cost differential, was included in the House Omnibus E-12 Funding Bill this session! While the LEI did not make the final bill, we have made great strides in bringing this issue to the forefront. Metro legislators have a much better understanding of how important this issue is if we are to move away from such a heavy reliance on the operating referendum.

We will continue to work with the P.S. Minnesota coalition during the interim and also with the legislative task force on education funding to make sure the LEI and other issues important to metro schools are on the table. Change rarely comes easy at the legislature but we will continue to persevere and advocate for our member school districts.

I am enclosing a copy of the AMSD dues statement for the 2007-08 year. The original statement was mailed to your business manager. The AMSD budget and dues schedule was approved unanimously at the May 23 AMSD Board of Directors meeting. The overall dues level was held flat for the coming year. Individual school districts will see a slight increase or decrease in their dues depending on the change in student enrollment.

I am also enclosing a copy of my annual report to AMSD board members, which summarizes many of the activities AMSD was engaged in over the past year. Please feel free to share the report with your school board members who may not be as familiar with AMSD and the benefits we offer to our member districts.

Again, thank you for your partnership and for your assistance. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Scott Croonquist
Executive Director



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May 23, 2007

To: AMSD Board of Directors

From: Scott Croonquist

RE: Executive Director's Report

It is difficult to recall a session where the expectations established in January for increased investments in education and the product that was ultimately delivered at the end of the session in May were so misaligned. While the E-12 Education funding bill that passed contains some excellent provisions and a number of AMSD priorities, the overall level of funding approved, particularly for the second year of the biennium, is disappointing. We clearly will be able to make a strong case for a supplemental appropriation in the 2008 legislative session.

Ironically, one of the biggest obstacles to securing the needed investments in education was the "budget surplus." Governor Pawlenty and many legislators successfully argued that it was not necessary to consider a state tax increase with a \$2 billion budget surplus. In reality, after removing one-time money from the calculation and accounting for inflation for existing programs, the budget surplus was almost nonexistent. Consequently, securing a funding increase for education beyond inflation required an increase in state revenues or redirecting funding from other state programs to education.

A number of other factors contributed to the challenge of making a strong case for significant new investments in E-12 education.

- Legislators and others (including me) were disappointed that P.S. Minnesota was not able to come forward with a comprehensive proposal to reform our education funding system
- Parents and advocacy groups were lulled in to a false sense of security by the projected budget surplus and the rhetoric after the 2006 election
- A major focus on the proposed mandatory statewide health insurance pool for school employees continued to be divisive and distracting

Prior to the session, the AMSD Board of Directors approved a legislative platform focused on key priorities identified by our member school districts. The priorities were identified during the fall regional meetings with AMSD Board Members and meetings with business managers and curriculum directors. The AMSD platform called on legislators to use the P.S. Minnesota report as a guideline to modernize Minnesota's education funding system, fix the special education funding formula, invest in programs that help eliminate the readiness gap, approve funding for

programs that will attract and retain high quality teachers, maintain local control, and reduce mandates. In the end, we were highly successful in a number of these areas.

Funding Issues

- Significant progress was made in the area of special education funding. Since the special education appropriation caps were enacted in 2003, the special education cross subsidy has been skyrocketing. One of AMSD's top priorities for the 2007 session was to remove the appropriation caps for the regular and excess cost programs and to return to a current year reimbursement system. The final funding bill included the shift to a current year reimbursement system, restored the inflationary growth factors in the regular special education and excess cost formulas, and increased special education funding by about \$325 million.
- The 2003 cuts to ECFE, Head Start and the School Readiness Program were finally restored. These were also goals set forth in the AMSD legislative platform.
- For several years AMSD has worked to educate legislators about the need to amend the education funding formula to account for the higher labor costs in the metropolitan area. This year we worked on this issue as a part of the P.S. Minnesota coalition. We provided representatives from Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, the consultants hired by P.S. Minnesota, with data and research to develop a formula to recognize this cost differential. We then worked with legislators to draft a bill that would implement a new Location Equity Index formula to address the higher labor and housing costs faced by metro school districts. Our legislation was heard in both the House and Senate Education Finance Committees and the LEI was included in the House E-12 Funding Bill. Regrettably, the LEI did not make the final cut as the Senate Conference Committee members refused to include it in the final bill.
- Often times in the legislative process, stopping harmful legislation is just as important as passing positive legislation. This was the case with the consolidated levy proposed by the Senate this year. The consolidated levy proposal was a property tax relief initiative intended to be a first step toward returning to a general education levy. The consolidated levy provided wildly varying levels of property tax relief with many metro districts receiving little, if any, relief. In addition, it would have represented a step back toward a system where metro residents are required to pay a greater portion of school funding through the property tax than rural residents. AMSD worked closely with our metro legislators to raise objections to this proposal. We were successful in significantly modifying the proposal in the Senate. In the end, it was not included in the final bill.
- Another Senate proposal we successfully opposed would have frozen Q Comp funding at current levels. This would have prevented several AMSD school districts from moving forward with applications they had spent considerable time and effort preparing.

Kris Amundson and Chris Georgacas, our contract lobbyists, provided tremendous assistance on all of the above issues. They provided strategic counsel throughout the session and continue to have exceptional access to key legislators and members of the executive branch.

Local Control

- Legislation creating a mandatory statewide health insurance pool for school employees continued to be a very contentious issue. This proposal was debated vigorously throughout the session and was heard in multiple committees in each body. I testified against the bill on several occasions and urged legislators to amend the bill to make it voluntary. AMSD has taken a proactive approach on this issue for several years

providing research and data to our board members. We invited representatives from Education Minnesota and the Minnesota School Boards Association to attend the January AMSD Board of Directors meeting to present their opposing views on this legislation. In addition, AMSD hosted a major policy conference on this topic in February of 2005. In the end, Education Minnesota was not interested in working on a compromise proposal to address the concerns of metro school districts. On the last day of the legislative session, the legislation finally passed the House and Senate. As I write this report, the governor has not yet signed or vetoed the bill.

- AMSD partnered with the Minnesota Association of School Business Officials to draft legislation eliminating several burdensome mandates. The bill repealed the structural balance report, the superintendent's targeted passage rate report, the primary election mandate and eliminated several obsolete reserve accounts that are still on the books. The final bill included the repeal of the structural balance report and the elimination of the obsolete reserve accounts. Unfortunately, the primary election provision was included in a bill that was awaiting action on the House floor but was not acted on prior to adjournment.

2006 Election

- In an effort to make sure issues important to public education were addressed, we updated our nonpartisan voter's guide to assist parent advocacy groups in getting involved in the electoral process. We also wanted to make sure AMSD board members and our parent groups were able to put legislative candidates on record regarding their position on important education issues. The voter's guide included data on school funding, information on how to conduct a candidate forum, sample questions, sample letters to the editor and press releases.
- We co-sponsored several candidate forums with the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities. The forums focused on issues important to metro school districts and cities.
- Finally, AMSD was one of the only organizations, and the only education organization, to host Governor Tim Pawlenty and Attorney General Mike Hatch. The gubernatorial candidates were guest speakers and answered questions from AMSD board members at our October meeting.

AMSD RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

P.S. Minnesota Funding Study – AMSD is one of the lead organizations in the P.S. Minnesota coalition. P.S. Minnesota is an unprecedented coalition of education organizations working to reform Minnesota's education funding system. P.S. Minnesota contracted with Dr. John Myers of Augenblick, Palaich and Associates to complete the work of the governor's Education Funding Task Force. Dr. Myers used the data collected by the governor's task force and the professional judgment panels convened by that task force. Using this approach, Dr. Myers concluded that Minnesota is currently under-funding education by \$1 billion. In the second phase of the study, Dr. Myers used additional research methodologies and more recent data to confirm his findings and make recommendations for addressing the shortcomings in the current formula.

AMSD provided Dr. Myers with extensive research and data related to the labor cost differential issue. Dr. Myers and his associates used our research to develop a new formula that would recognize the higher labor and housing costs in the metropolitan area.

Legislative Presentation – In January we hosted approximately 50 metro legislators at our annual legislative session preview. We used a persuasive 30-minute Power Point presentation to

highlight the AMSD legislative agenda and had a question and answer session with the legislators. The session provided an excellent opportunity for AMSD board members to hear from the legislative leaders and meet many of the newly elected legislators.

AMSD Bill Tracker – AMSD maintained a bill tracker to monitor the introduction and progression of bills impacting our member districts throughout the session. The bill tracker was accessible through our web site so our board members and district staff could monitor bills of particular interest to their district.

Analysis and Briefs – AMSD Research Director Jon Commers led our efforts to provide members with analysis of current research and legislation in order to help them respond to a variety of issues, including:

- A new charter school position paper and an update of existing position papers.
- A study of private school revenues, expenditures and public subsidies.
- A summary of a national study showing public school students perform as well or better than private school and charter school students when controlled for student demographics.
- Analysis of House, Senate and governor’s proposed budgets and how they affect AMSD districts.
- Analysis of the effectiveness of all day kindergarten.
- Analysis of the state auditor’s report on public education.
- Research Director Commers continued our relationship with the Humphrey School and worked with a group of students who prepared a paper on integration.
- Our tax effort study was updated and the information showing that metro residents pay a higher portion of their income in property taxes was shared with legislators.
- We provided data and research to Growth & Justice to assist them with their public education study. We also arranged a meeting with Angie Eilers, the project lead for Growth & Justice, and a group of AMSD curriculum directors.
- We have provided research and data to the Citizens League and urged them to broaden their perspective on educational issues. We plan to continue a dialogue with them.

AMSD COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES

Communications - AMSD Office Manager Laura Dale played a key role in our communications efforts. We continued to work on several fronts to provide timely and accurate information to AMSD board members, legislators and other policymakers and the media. Our communications activities included:

- Designing a legislative platform brochure for distribution to legislators and key state officials, and for use by AMSD member districts.
- Submitting op ed pieces prior to and during the session to keep reinforcing AMSD’s key messages. A commentary piece by AMSD Chair Jane Eckert ran in the *Pioneer Press* at a critical time near the end of the session. The commentary was cited by Rep. Mindy Greiling during a debate on the floor of the House of Representatives. In addition a *Star Tribune* editorial promoting increased funding for education cited research provided by AMSD. We also provided assistance to AMSD board members who submitted letters-to-the-editor or commentaries in local newspapers.
- We continued to use *Connections*, our monthly newsletter, to communicate key messages, summarize important research and celebrate successful programs of our member districts.

Electronic Advocacy

A major development this year was the implementation of an electronic advocacy system to make it easy for AMSD board members to communicate with their local legislators and other state policymakers. We used the new web-based advocacy tool several times throughout the session with great effectiveness. During the next year we will work to build the database to make this new tool even more effective in the future.

Member Services

- The AMSD web site was constantly updated to provide access to pertinent newspaper articles and new research reports and relevant data.
- Updates and one-on-one assistance have been provided to communications/public relations staff in all AMSD member districts throughout the year.
- I presented AMSD's legislative platform at several of our member school district board meetings and also spoke to several parent advocacy groups.
- We arranged for a wide variety of guest speakers at AMSD Board of Director meetings during the past year. Last August, Bill Morris provided an overview of his most recent polling data highlighting the public's attitudes on issues of importance to educators. In September, we presented the annual AMSD Friend of Public Education Award to Rep. Erik Paulsen and Sen. Chuck Wiger for their work during the 2006 legislative session. In October, in addition to hosting Governor Tim Pawlenty and Attorney General Mike Hatch, we presented Friend of Education Awards to Mary Cecconi and Ward Eames to recognize their tireless advocacy for public education. In addition, we heard from key state policymakers throughout the year including Senate Majority Leader Larry Pogemiller, House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Commissioner Alice Seagren, Rep. Mindy Greiling, Sen. Chuck Wiger, Sen. Sandy Rummel, Sen. Teri Bonoff and AMSD contract lobbyists Kris Amundson and Chris Georgacas.

Annual Conference

We took a slight departure this year from sponsoring our annual AMSD policy conference. This year we joined with our partners in P.S. Minnesota to host a conference highlighting the adequacy funding study commissioned by P.S. Minnesota. The conference was attended by a number of legislators and legislative staff.

Alliance for Student Achievement

AMSD continues to be an active partner in the Alliance for Student Achievement, working collaboratively on several initiatives during the year. AMSD Board Member Vicki Roy continued a strong tradition of leadership in the Alliance when she assumed the role of chair last summer. The Alliance sponsored a virtual rally for public education during the legislative session. We used AMSD's new electronic advocacy tool to help AMSD board members and others participate.

Associate Members

A year ago the AMSD Board of Directors approved a new associate membership category. We were very pleased to welcome the Center for Engaged Leadership at MSU Mankato and Intermediate School District 917 as our first associate members.

Voice For Metro Schools

Building coalitions and working with our partners in the Alliance for Student Achievement and P.S. Minnesota continues to be a high priority. AMSD board members continue to play an instrumental role in bringing together a broad coalition to advocate for public education. There is no question that public education fares much better when we are able to speak with a unified voice and resist attempts to divide us along geographic or other lines. That being said, it is inevitable that there will be times when differences arise in the political process. During those times, it is very clear that AMSD is the only education organization that consistently and unequivocally represents the interests of metropolitan school districts. Nowhere is that fact more evident than during discussions related to recognizing the higher cost of labor and housing in the metro area. We have made significant progress in educating our metro legislators about the importance of this issue. However, when push came to shove, we still had metro legislators who placed a higher premium on party or caucus loyalty than on protecting the interests of their school districts. We need to be vigilant in reminding our local legislators that we expect them to represent us and fight for our interests.

It continues to be a privilege to work with the outstanding group of school leaders on the AMSD Board of Directors. I look forward to working with you during the summer and fall months on the P.S. Minnesota adequacy funding study and building our grassroots legislative advocacy efforts in preparation for the 2008 legislative session.



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Bill To

Mahtomedi Public Schools
 Denise Sundstrom
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 Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Terms
Net 30

Description	Amount
2007-2008 AMSD Membership Dues	9,136.00
Thank you for your membership!	Total \$9,136.00



DATE: July 9, 2007
TO: Metro ECSU Member Superintendents and Business Managers
FROM: Julie Frame-Hansen, Executive Director 
RE: General Services Fee for 2007-2008

The Metro ECSU continues to serve your district with quality professional development, student academic challenges, and administrative services, while developing new and exciting programs customized for your district. Your membership not only ensures these services will be available when you need them, it also greatly reduces your costs (by 50% for most services).

Our commitment to providing quality services in the most cost-effective way possible allows us to maintain our general service fee of \$700 base fee plus \$.90 per pupil, not to exceed \$10,000. Your invoice for this fee is enclosed. This General Services Fee provides to your district a wide variety of benefits and services, such as:

- Staff Development
- Extensive Cooperative Purchasing Options
- Special Programs, including services for Special Education
- Student Programs
- Contracted Program Planning/Professional Development Activities
- Resources/Libraries

Participation data for school year 2006-2007 will be sent to you in August. If you need participation information for your district prior to that time, please contact us at 612-638-1502 or via email at sandy.giancola@metroecsus.org.

Your district's involvement in this cooperative venture enhances the services available to all metro area districts. Our staff is here to serve you, and we welcome your continued involvement with Metro ECSU. We look forward to another great year of facilitating cost-effective collaboration among local districts! Please check our website (<http://www.ecsu.k12.mn.us>) for general information about our organization and for updates to our event calendar, which are posted throughout the year.

enc.

cc: District Business Manager

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MAHTOMEDI MN 55115

TERMS: ** N/A **

THE 2007-2008 GENERAL SERVICE FEE OF THE METRO ECSU IS BASED ON A FLAT RATE OF \$700 PLUS \$.90 PER PUPIL (FY 2006-07 ENROLLMENT) WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$10,000. TO PROVIDE UNINTERRUPTED SERVICE TO YOUR DISTRICT, PAYMENT BY 7/31/07 WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THANK YOU!

1) MAHTOMEDI ENROLLMENT - 3032	3,429.00
TOTAL	<u>3,429.00</u>

INCLUDE INVOICE NUMBER ON CHECK

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PLEASE INCLUDE THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT

CUSTOMER: 46 - ISD 832
INVOICE: 8422
AMOUNT: 3429.00

REMIT TO:
Metro ECSU-Region 11 ISD #920
4001 STINSON BLVD NE
SUITE 210
MINNEAPOLIS, MN - 55421-3488

AMOUNT PAID

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MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION



July 2, 2007

Dear Superintendent:

It's time to renew your district's membership to MSBA!

On behalf of your Association's board and staff, I want to thank you for the opportunity to "support, promote and enhance" your important work. We look forward to another year of serving your board and school district.

Your dues invoice is included with this letter. MSBA's Board of Directors has adopted an operating budget of \$3,486,135 for fiscal year 2007-08. Dues are the stabilizing support for any association. Without the strong support of membership through the payment of dues, MSBA can neither maintain nor expand the menu of programs and services needed and enjoyed by our members.

In these years of financial strain, members naturally want to ensure they are getting the maximum services and benefits for their dues. Here is a list of some of your membership's primary benefits:

- Free on-call assistance on matters ranging from the open meeting law to personnel issues to NCLB implementation to elections. Checking with MSBA first may save significantly on attorneys' fees.
- Lobbying at the state and federal levels coupled with daily Capitol updates during the legislative session.
- Negotiations training and master agreement analysis.
- Access to the MSBA Insurance Trust, which offers competitive rates and programs designed specifically for school districts.
- Access to Policy Services (if a subscriber) and customized policy audits.
- Free access to the Public Education Employee Relations Network (PEERNet).
- Free registration to the annual Leadership Conference for the entire district leadership team.
- Free "toolkits," such as the School Board Recognition Week program.
- Free on-call communications consulting. Additionally, the Ambassador Program spreads the "good news" about your schools and dispels myths about public education.
- Power-Card - a highly secure procurement card program available for the direct purchase of goods and services, which greatly increases the efficiency of the purchasing process, and has the potential to generate rebates to your district.
- Reduced-cost board training, including seminars, workshops and customized inservice training brought to your board room. Online training is available for your convenience.

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MSBA's Mission:

Support, promote, and enhance the work of public school boards.

- Access to money-saving cash management and borrowing programs, including but not limited to, the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus, the Minnesota Tax and Aid Anticipation Borrowing Program, and the Lease Purchase Program.
- Free electronic and print postings for administrative job vacancies.
- Free access to an electronic, downloadable MSBA calendar listing important dates for elections and education-related events.
- Free subscriptions to MSBA publications, including the following: *Boardcaster*, *Journal* magazine, *Capitol Compass* (electronic) and *Management Services Newsletter* (electronic).
- Newly elected board members receive MSBA's *Service Manual*, a comprehensive listing of education-related laws and regulations at a minimal cost. This manual is also available online for all others.
- Free electronic news clipping service from the state's daily and weekly newspapers.
- MSBA Online, the Association web site that provides round-the-clock access to information and services.

Subscribers to Policy Services will also find their renewal notice on the same invoice. Policy revisions keep your district in compliance with current law. You can access and download all model policies from the MSBA website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Also, our policy consultants are here to answer your questions about policy issues. If you are not a member of Policy Services, please call us for more information.

In its continuing effort to assist its members in achieving cost-efficiencies, your MSBA has formed two new partnerships. Along with co-sponsor MASA, MSBA has endorsed PaySchools, an electronic payment processing system that enables districts to receive school-related fees from parents via electronic check, credit or debit card. MSBA has also created a partnership, the Minnesota Playground Surfacing Program (MPSP), with the National Safe Surfacing Initiative, LLC. Brochures highlighting both of these exciting new opportunities have been included with this mailing. You can also access further information about PaySchools and MPSP on our website at www.mnmsba.org.

MSBA is recognized nationwide as an outstanding service organization, and we will strive to uphold that reputation. MSBA's board and staff look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call your Association office at 800-324-4459.

Sincerely,



Bob Meeks
Executive Director



Dennis Halverson (Centennial)
MSBA President

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Minnesota School Boards Association

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INVOICE

DATE	INVOICE #
7/3/07	1708

ATTN: Accounts Payable
ISD #832
1520 Mahtomedi Ave
Mahtomedi, MN 55115-1907

MSBA: Support, promote and enhance the work of local school boards.

DUE DATE
11/15/2007

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
DIST	Association Dues (FY 7/1/07 to 6/30/08)			5,981.00
POLICYREN	Policy Services Renewal (FY 7/1/07 to 6/30/08)			440.00
	<p>Dues for ISD #832 are based on 3074.95 "Average Daily Membership of Students Served" for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, as provided by the Minnesota Department of Education.</p> <p>In accordance with IRS Code Sec. 6113, contributions or gifts (including membership dues) to MSBA are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.</p>			

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TOTAL	6,421.00
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