

From the School Board
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School District and School Board Summer Highlights

This summer, our learning community was energized with opportunities for children of all ages and abilities as the District welcomed over 3,315 students enrolled in summer school classes. However, students were not the only ones engaged in learning this summer. Below are a few highlights of District educator and School Board activities during the last three months.

- **Strategic Direction:** Teams of teachers and principals developing high leverage action steps to advance the District's new strategic initiative, *Lead Your Learning*;
- **Professional Development:** Instructional staff members are expanding their horizons through coursework and training in Frameworks for Literacy, Project-Based Learning, reading intervention and enrichment, personalized learning, competency-based learning, action based research, intervention and assessment for math, and more, in the quest to become even better in helping students to be college, career, and citizenship ready;
- **Innovation:** More than 25 educators and administrators travelled to Eden Prairie, MN, to engage in learning about 21st Century Skills and Project-Based Learning (PBL). This brings the number of educators with Buck Institute for Education's PBL training to nearly 40;
- **Continuous Improvement:** Routine maintenance, repair, landscaping, and cleaning of the community's eight school facilities, totaling more than 1 million square feet, keeps our buildings operating efficiently and effectively throughout the school year;
- **Stewardship:** The "official" school year ended June 30 and the Business Services Office was busy finalizing the budget process that began over a year ago. In addition, the Board of Education's Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 25; residents in attendance will be asked to authorize the preliminary budget and tax levy needed to operate and maintain the school system in 2017-18;
- **Compassion:** The Howard-Suamico Education Foundation partnered with Green Bay Community Church, businesses, employees, and other civic organizations in providing 330 economically disadvantaged students with backpacks and essential school supplies;
- **Leadership:** Board of Education members attended the Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) 2017 Summer Leadership Institute in July; the Board of Education met several times to discuss referendum planning, as well as its own goals for the coming school year.

The District and Board seek to use frequent and varied methods of communication with the community. Please let us know how we are doing and if there are other ways you would like us to share and receive information.

For more information about the Howard-Suamico School District ***Policy Governance Model***, please visit our website at www.hssd.k12.wi.us *Board – Policies - Governance Policies*; or for additional information regarding this article, contact school board member Rachelle Paulsen at 434-2226 or rachpaul@hssd.k12.wi.us