



### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Wedin reported Valerie Anderson will serve as the cultural liaison for 2020-2021 school year.

Superintendent Wedin reported the Milaca Leadership Equity Council, consisting of members from the city council, Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office, Milaca Police Department, Chamber of Commerce, Milaca School District, and a community member, met to discuss equity, support, and inclusivity throughout the community. This council will meet at least three times a year to increase awareness and education regarding equity in the community.

Superintendent Wedin introduced Christina Wordes, the new business manager.

Superintendent Wedin reported on working on a variety of MOUs for contractual assignment changes/flexibility in response to COVID-19 and he is working on an ALC partnership agreement with Mora, Onamia, and Isle. It is necessary to form a partnership to meet new ALC programming requirements.

Superintendent Wedin reported that board committees have not been meeting during the summer months, but he will be scheduling some of these meetings. He also reported that there are 6 candidates for the November 3 election to fill the three school board vacancies.

Superintendent Wedin provided a stakeholder meeting summary report from the information he gathered while meeting with school board members, administration, district office, and other stakeholders. From these meetings, he developed district level goals of improving the budget outlook and transparency, improving district communication, increasing enrollment, continuing to evaluate and provide high quality social and emotional student support, and continuing to instill school pride. He also developed personal goals of leading the district through the pandemic, improving budget forecasting and transparency, improving district communications, evaluating and addressing enrollment, and being visible within the school district and community.

Superintendent Wedin thanked administration, staff, and community members involved in the planning for the upcoming school year. By working together, we will get through this.

### BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

J. Day asked if there have been any inquiries on the properties the district has for sale. Superintendent Wedin has contacted the realtor to schedule a time to meet to discuss the property sales.

A. Struffert asked if the district was doing the printed 12-month calendar. Superintendent Wedin responded that due to the dynamic potential of the school year in response to COVID-19, a printed 12-month calendar would be outdated before distribution and the decision was made not to proceed with it.

J. Larson requested a future presentation or discussion involving the Milaca Police Department and the relationship between the police liaison officer and the district.

J. Corrow thanked Superintendent Wedin for clearly communicating information he has available regarding the start of the school year and for remaining calm and focused throughout this challenge. Superintendent Wedin responded it goes beyond him to include many others.

## School Board Votes for Students to Return to In-Person Learning [\(link\)](#)

The school board voted for students to return to in-person learning this fall; however, the decision was not taken lightly or without much discussion. Jeff Larson shared concerns regarding health screenings of students and staff. According to the current learning plan, the district will not screen students and staff upon arrival. Direction will be provided to families and staff to self screen at home by taking their temperature and checking for COVID-19 related symptoms. Some businesses and districts are implementing temperature screeners as people arrive on campus. The decision to not implement temperature screeners at Milaca Public Schools was based on the CDC's current recommendation against temperature screeners and concerns with the reliability of screeners. Sara Larsen commented that students should never go to school with a fever, pre-COVID-19 or now, and communication to families and staff needs to be clear that if a fever is present, they must stay home. Milaca Public Schools will continue to evaluate recommendations regarding health screenings for staff and students.

Jennifer Corrow asked how it would be determined if someone has a cold versus having COVID-19. Superintendent Wedin explained staff will be trained to identify the symptoms and send students to the nurse if there is a symptom present. There will be two nurse's offices, one dedicated for COVID-19 symptoms where students would wait for their parents to pick them up. Students who have severe allergies or asthma may require a doctor's note on file.

Ms. Corrow also asked if there were concerns from teachers regarding monitoring distance learning while teaching in-person. Superintendent Wedin explained the elementary has assigned teachers to solely do distance learning teaching. The high school is still developing a plan.

Bryan Rensenbrink commented that the base learning model can be adjusted and according to the family survey, 80% of the Milaca community wants their children to return to school. He believes the district has to trust the guidance and the numbers provided by the state, the Minnesota Department of Education, and the Minnesota Department of Health.

The school board approved students returning to school in fall for in-person learning by a vote of 6 to 1.

### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

[High School Principal report:](#) hiring, CTE construction, and back to school planning updates.

[Elementary Principal report:](#) developing safe learning scenarios; provided hiring update; Mr. Meyer is working with St. Cloud State University on a Para to Sped Teacher program.

[Activities Director report:](#) welcomed Jenna Carlson, the new Activities Office Assistant; MSHSL has new website; MSHSL meeting updates; sent activities letter to families; virtual fall activities parent meeting scheduled; mega meet canceled. The Activities Director provided additional updates at the meeting; football, volleyball, and all spring sports will have a fall training season and a spring competitive season; new registration system going well; working with teacher unit on MOU to prorate coaching pay by week.

[Community Education Director/Facilities Manager report:](#) staffing update; Milaca Youth Football season canceled; roof project nearly complete; CTE renovations anticipated substantial completion by end of August; CTE project bay construction anticipated substantial

completion by December; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. construction will be complete before start of school; building is cleaned and ready for staff return with exception of construction areas; continue PPE and cleaning preparation in response to COVID-19.

[Business Manager report:](#) acclimating to new position; preliminary audit completed in August with fieldwork scheduled in November; submitted PCORI and LTFM reports; provided [financial picture of the district](#).

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

[Committee of the Whole \(8/10\)](#) - reviewed Milaca's 2020-2021 Learning Plan

[Building and Grounds \(8/11\)](#) - discussed COVID-19 building preparations and updates on the construction projects

### ACTION ITEMS

[Consent Agenda](#) - *Motion carried*

Adoption of Base Learning Model for the 2020-2021 School Year and Other COVID-19 Related Matters - *Motion carried*