BOARD NOTES:

December 6, 2016, Regular Board Meeting:

**Spotlight on Students:** Students from Project Lead the Way’s computer science class demonstrated for the Board their knowledge of the physical components of a computer and how they work. They also showed examples of their video game coding projects, illustrating just how complicated each seemingly simple step actually is. Superintendent Dr. Ed Stange admired the students’ endless curiosity and desire to delve deeper into their subject matter, and complimented the teachers on such a successful and well-run program.

**Consent Agenda:** The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the November 15th Regular Board Meeting and the monthly bills and salaries.

**Communications:** Dr. Stange acknowledged two letters the district received regarding traffic enforcement and a proposed sober living facility. He also mentioned that a letter received from a property neighbor referencing the filter dams that are required by code in the swale behind the new construction was forwarded on to the project engineers for comment.

**Capital Improvement Update:** Dr. Stange reported that crews continue the installation of the steel for the western academic wing of the new SRS, as well as roof decking for the performance center, main office, and eastern academic wing. Insulation (green board) and the vapor barrier (appears like black paint) are going up as well. Contractors have begun the rough installation of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work, and utility crews have connected the building to the storm sewer system and gas line. Dr. Stange also informed the Board that weather and temperature could impact some construction materials, making them unusable. With this in mind, the construction managers have assured the district that alternative materials will be readily available.

**Old Business:** After second readings of Board Policy 305, regarding the district administration organizational chart; Board Policy 280.03, regarding the approval process for board member expenses; Board Policy 315.09, regarding the reimbursement process for administrative and staff expenses; and the Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements, each was approved by the Board.

**New Business:** The Board had first readings of Board Policy 700.02, regarding sexual harassment, and Board Policy 465.10, regarding procedures in handling movable soccer goals.

**Finance and Facilities:** The Board opened a public hearing to discuss the FY16 Tax Levy. After no public comments, the hearing was closed and the Levy was approved. The next meeting will be January 24, 2017, at 7pm.

**Education Committee:** Board member Mrs. Jill Mirkovic reported on presentations given by the Spanish Committee, regarding their pilot this year of a theme-based instructional approach, and the Sunset Ridge Scheduling Committee, who is exploring instituting a block schedule rather than a period schedule. Both presentations reinforced to the Board that meaningful reflection and constant study of our practices is happening in the district! Additionally, Dr. Stange shared an updated version of the district’s Strategic Goals, pointing out that some goals are targeted, while others are ongoing. The next meeting will be January 25, 2017, at 6pm.
IASB: Board member Mrs. Anne Peterson reported on the voting results from the Joint Annual Conference and potential future legislation.

PTO: No report.

NSSED: No report.

Northfield Park District: Board member Mrs. Debbie Papas commented on what a lovely occasion the Holiday Festival was at Village Hall. Our choir students performed wonderfully!

Foundation Fund: Mrs. Peterson reported that the Foundation’s letter soliciting funds in support of the new Sunset Ridge School went out to the community before Thanksgiving, and has received a steady response. After the holidays, the Foundation plans to launch an alumni email campaign, and host district grade-level meetings in order to inform parents about the construction plans. Donations and pledges towards the project have exceeded $510,000.

Administrative Reports: Dr. Stange reported that enrollment at both Middlefork and Sunset Ridge remains unchanged at 192 and 257 respectively. The Board continued their discussion of the 2017/18 calendar, acknowledging the need for teacher institute days at the beginning of the year to allow teachers to become familiar with the new building before students arrive.

Recommendations: The Board approved the Closed Session Minutes of November 15, 2016.

Official meeting minutes will be posted on the website following their approval at the January 10, 2017 Board meeting.