

January 13, 2015

Good evening President of the Board White, Clerk of the Board Blough, Board Trustees, Dr. Peplinsky and Staff.

Good evening and happy New Year.

Educators returned to work following the winter break with a successful staff development.

Thank you, Dr. Peplinsky, for a motivating speech that recognized all the employees of the district for their hard work and dedication to students.

It was beneficial to hear that the district is moving forward and committed to timely communications to employees.

On the Board agenda tonight is the public hearing for the joint bargaining proposal between SEA and the District.

We look forward to a successful negotiation of a new contract by continuing our interest based bargaining model that we have had in place for the past 15 years.

For those new to the Board, this model allows both SEA and the District open discussion of our interests in each contract article.

Also, we use this model for all problem solving issues in the District. This has strengthened our communication and our ability to resolve issues in the best interest of the employees and the District.

Our first full day negotiation session is Friday, January 30th. We anticipate that it will be a productive day of business.

Thank you for listening.