

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #181
BRAINERD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Retreat
June 16, 2023
Brainerd Chamber of Commerce
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

School board purpose: The board provides governance through overarching district policies and vision.

Board purview: Performance goals, policy, and advocacy and promotion

Objectives of board retreat:

- Review and maintain alignment on strategic vision.
- Review and construct board communication operating procedures.
- Prioritize focus areas and construct questions to guide committees.

Agenda:

1. Welcome, purpose, agenda overview
2. Icebreaker
3. State of the district
4. Strategic plan (PartnerEd)
5. Board communication procedures (PartnerEd)
6. Topics from board members: Prioritize work and construct list of questions for committees
 1. Finance and legislative
 1. Legislative update/procedure for addressing new mandates and guidelines
 2. Bus contract
 3. Operating levy
 4. Organizational issues
 5. 4-day school week
 2. Personnel and benefits
 1. Teacher safety and work conditions
 3. Policy and Community Relations
 4. Long Range Planning and Facilities
 1. School farm
 5. Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development
 1. Academics
 2. Test scores
 3. Literacy program evaluation
 4. Summer school
 5. Service learning/internships/mentoring
 6. Student Support Services and Activities
 1. Athletic schedules and dollar savings

2. Equity
 1. Mental health/guidance counselors
 2. Elementary EAs
 3. Behavioral concerns
3. School/district wide volunteer action days

7. Wrap up, reflection, next steps