

School Board Notes

The April School Board Meeting was held on April 16, 2018. At the meeting, the Board:

- Approved the hiring of Mike Freitag as Elementary Physical Education and DAPE and Patti U'ren as Special Education Paraprofessional.
- Discussed the Comfrey school's request to end our pairing agreement for all sports except football for the 2018-19 school year. The request also serves as notice that the Comfrey school is ending all pairing agreements with Cedar Mountain in the 2019-20 school year, except for football. Minnesota State High School League rules state a year notice needs to be given unless all schools involved in the pairing agreement agree to dissolve the agreement. A one year notice was also agreed on by the Comfrey and Cedar Mountain Pairing Committees in October. Comfrey Superintendent Kirsten Hutchison said in a letter sent with the pairing dissolution forms that Comfrey understands that Cedar Mountain has every right to reject Comfrey's request because we had agreed in October to give a 1 year notice if either district intended to end the pairing agreement. After weighing the pros and cons of this request, the Board tabled this until more information is received from Comfrey.
- Approved the health insurance bid from the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative with a 5% decrease in cost.
- Discussed an Operating Referendum in November. The Board continues to discuss what dollar amount to ask for in the referendum. Comments from Board members included that we need to ask for enough so that we do not need to go back to voters in 3 to 5 years, begin having conversations with the public on the need for a referendum, and to meet with Ehlers representatives again to get more data and have some questions answered. No dollar amount was decided on for an Operating Referendum.
- Heard that students do not need to make up any of our snow days. Our snow day schedule has day 4 made up by students during Easter Break, but because day 4 came after Easter, we move to the next scheduled day, which is a staff development day for teachers in June.

Blood Drive

Cedar Mountain students are hosting a Blood Drive from 8:30-2:30 on Wednesday, April 25th. The Blood Drive will be held in the Morgan school auditorium. Community members can sign up by going to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> or by calling the high school office at 249-5990 option 2. Community members may park in the 1894 lot (where the 1894 building stood) and enter through those doors or through the district office doors.

Ford Drive 4 UR School Fundraiser

Cedar Mountain is planning a Ford Drive 4 UR School event on Thursday, May 10 from 3:30 until 7:00 PM. Our goal is to raise funds for our school scholarship fund. This is a one day event

sponsored by Kohls Weelborg Ford. We get money based on how many test drives are taken by students (need a license), staff, and community members. We can earn up to \$6,000.

Calendar of Events

Here are some upcoming calendar dates as the school year winds down:

- April 22-24 - State FFA Convention
- April 25 - Cedar Mountain Blood Drive
- May 14 - Grade 6-12 Spring Concert
- May 18 – Elementary Dance
- May 20 – FFA Banquet
- May 28 – Memorial Day – No School
- May 31 – Last day of class for students
- June 1 – Graduation – 7:00 p.m.