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Important Dates:

2/25, 9 am & 5 pm: Referendum Presentation at Bayside Middle School
 2/26, 6:30 pm 8th: Grade Science and National History Day Fair
 3/2, 7 pm: School Board Committee of the Whole meeting
 3/4, 9 am & 5 pm: Referendum Presentation at Stormonth
 3/7, 9 am: Coffee discussion on referendum at Stormonth
 3/7, 1 pm: Band Together Fundraiser at Nicolet High School
 3/11: Early Release Day
 3/12, 7 pm: Referendum Presentation, Fox Point Police Station
 3/13, 1:30 pm: Referendum Presentation, LX Club, Dunwood
 3/16, 4 pm: District Gifted and Talented committee meeting at Stormonth
 3/16, 7 pm: Regular School Board meeting
 3/21, 9 am: Coffee discussion on Referendum at Stormonth
 3/30-4/03: Spring Break – No school
 *Please check the specific school websites for other dates to note



Letter From the Superintendent

Dear Fox Point-Bayside School District Community:

I am very pleased to present the February issue of the Fox Point-Bayside School District E-Newsletter. In keeping with its purpose, this issue will provide you with a monthly update on what is taking place in your schools.

By now, you have likely learned that in an effort to maintain our schools' instructional programs, class size and effective operations, the School Board recently voted to place an operational referendum question on the April 7th ballot.

If passed, the referendum will allow the school district to exceed its revenue limit by \$950,000 for the 2015-16 school year through the 2018-19 school year. When compared to 2014 taxes, the estimated impact of passing the referendum will be a tax increase of \$49 for every \$100,000 of property value.

The school board is committed to ensuring that community members have the information they need prior to the April 7th election. With that in mind, additional information about the referendum will continue to be placed on the district's website at http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/referendum_update.cfm. The district will provide a series of informational presentations to the community about the referendum.

In other news, recently the District held parent-teacher conferences. We had 97% parent attendance! Parental involvement in a child's education is still one of the most critical contributions to student achievement. Thank you for your involvement.

With pride and respect,

Vance Dalzin

Superintendent
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Board Update/Board Briefs

January 19, 2015 Regular Board meeting

- Presentations/Recognition
 - o Stormonth students presented a video they had created for their Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program. Each student was presented with FPBS Pride Award.

Board Strategic Priorities for 2014-2017

Finance

Strengthen our school district's financial position and strive to achieve a balanced budget by 2017.

Teaching & Learning Goal

Continue to be a school district that Significantly Exceeds Expectations through 2017 by enhancing our curriculum instruction through innovative practices, personalized learning initiatives and use of current technology.

Communications

Enhance communication from the school district to all community constituencies for the purpose of encouraging open and constructive discussions.

Our Mission

We inspire our children to be well prepared, compassionate, and productive citizens who will make meaningful contributions to our world.

Our Vision

We provide innovative and academically rigorous learning experiences to meet the unique talents, interests and needs of every child.

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- Reports
 - o Each administrator gave a brief report of happenings in their department or building
- Action Items
 - o The Board approved the January monthly check register
 - o The Board approved District open enrollment procedures for the 2015-16 school year and the enrollment number per class that would be accepted based on class size. (See policy on District web site)
 - o The Board approved allowing ten new 4K students to enroll in our district for 2015-16 as part of the Chapter 220 program.
 - o The Board approved Section 504 Handbook and Procedures
 - o The Board approved a resolution to allow the District to exceed the State revenue limit
 - o The Board approved the referendum questions to appear on the April 7, 2015 ballot

February 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

- Presentations/Recognition
 - o The Bayside Chamber Choir opened the meeting with a song
 - o Three students who attended the Black Male Youth summit at U.W. Milwaukee discussed their experience. Each student was presented with a FPBS Pride Award
- Discussion Items
 - o Dr. Dalzin outlined various events that would take place to communicate about the referendum. See District website for specific dates
 - o The Board discussed various elements of the Governor's Proposed 2015-17 Budget
- Reports
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- Action Items
 - o January monthly check register
 - o The Board approved a School Services contract for shared nursing services with the Glendale River Hills School District.

Regular School Board Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Stormonth Elementary School (7301 North Longacre, Fox Point) unless otherwise noted. They are open to the public except for closed sessions as allowed by state statutes. Updated agendas are posted on the district's website.

The first Monday of each month the board meets as a Committee of the Whole. Committee meetings will be used for information gathering, discussion, and related purposes, and are held in the District Office Conference Room. Meeting dates change throughout the year and are posted on the district's website.

Finally, from time to time, the board may call a special meeting. Special meetings will generally involve a special topic that needs attention in a timely manner.

All agendas and minutes are posted on the district's website: http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/School_Board.cfm

Update on State's New Assessment (Previously Known as the Smarter Balanced Assessment)

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has been working to create a new student assessment that provides meaningful and timely information to parents and teachers regarding student progress. The state testing window is March 30-May 22 and the district will notify you of the district's testing window within that timeframe.

Our school district received notification that due to the difficulties with the Smarter Balanced adaptive test engine, the 2014-15 assessment will be administered online as a fixed-form exam. This change means that test questions will not adapt as a student progresses through the exam. For example, if two students get the same question and one student answers correctly and one answers incorrectly, an adaptive test would then change the students' pathways to offer either a more difficult or less difficult question. With a fixed form format, all students will answer questions within the same pathway. The questions will still match those approved by the Smarter Balanced Consortium and the administration of the exam will be very similar to the version many schools in Wisconsin piloted.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has decided that rather than introduce a new element that may have technical issues, the department has decided to delay implementation of the adaptive testing engine. The test is valid, its items are sound, and it will provide more meaningful information to educators than our previous assessment, the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE). The Governor's budget for the 2015-17 biennium includes a request to de-fund Smarter Balanced assessments that will work through the legislative process over the next several months. This does not impact the test administration for the current 2014-15 school year. As required by current state law, we will continue with the spring 2015 administration of the Badger Exam.

Referendum Update

The following are some frequently asked questions about the April 7th school district referendum. Please email additional questions to Dr. Dalzin at vdalzin@foxbay.k12.wi.us.

1) What is an operational referendum?

In Wisconsin, school districts must seek approval from voters



Dr. Dalzin, Mr. Barry and Mr. Tobin play defense in the Annual Student-Faculty Basketball Game on February 3rd.

to exceed their revenue limits. An operational referendum allows the district to increase taxes for the purpose of operating the schools.

2) What is a revenue limit?

Revenue limits are state-imposed controls on the amount of money a Wisconsin school district can receive through state aid and local property taxes. While the district-specific calculation is based on a number of factors, it is often the case that increases in such things as heating fuel, transportation costs and insurance increase at greater rate than the revenue limit, creating deficits.

State law generally only allows a district to bring in more than its revenue limit if residents vote to do so through an operational referendum.

3) Why is the Fox Point-Bayside School District seeking a referendum?

Because of its revenue limit, the district must seek an operational referendum to maintain the academic programs and class size currently offered by the district.

4) Why did the Board decide on a \$950,000 referendum amount?

While we have instituted a number of measures to reduce expenses in the last few years, even with these cuts, we have been running budget deficits. This has created a situation in which we have needed to draw on our fund balance. The amount we can levy taxpayers to raise revenue is restricted by Wisconsin state statute.

5) If passed, how much will the referendum increase taxes?

When compared to 2014 taxes, the estimated impact of passing the referendum will be a tax increase of \$49 for every \$100,000 of property value.

6) What process did the board use in considering a referendum?

This fall, the board conducted a district-wide survey and residents were invited to participate via a mailed invitation. A total of 938 community members participated in the survey. A majority of respondents indicated they did not want class sizes to be increased nor programs to be cut, and they supported the dollar amount of the referendum that the board placed on the April ballot.

7) Is this referendum a result of financial irresponsibility?

No. An emphasis has always been placed on utilizing the funds afforded the district in the best possible manner to educate all students. In order to hold the line on expenses over the past three years, the district has:

- Reduced teaching, clerical, and custodial positions
- Reduced classroom and building budgets
- Increased operational efficiency through developing some shared services with local school districts
- Changed health care providers and modified the healthcare plan
- Increased employee health/retirement contributions
- Decreased employee benefits
- Instituted energy efficiency measures that will bring long-term savings



The Bayside Chamber Choir performed for the School Board at the start of the February 16th Regular Board Meeting.

Update from Stormonth Elementary

- **Community Night** was held on Thursday, January 15th. Community night is an evening designed for parents of incoming K4 students or any new families that are considering sending their child to our school. A special thank you to the several staff members who met with the parents and the students who talked about their school experience and gave tours.



Ms. Koscielniak reads to first graders at the Bedtime Stories evening event on January 29th.

- **K4/K5 registration** process has begun. We currently have 43 students signed up for the next school year. At the January school board meeting, the board approved 10 seats for Chapter 220 students and 7 open enrollment students at K4.
- The first part of the school year, we formed a **student advisory group** that has helped develop a video that shows and promotes the “Stormonth Way” of being respectful, responsible and safe. The students helped to create and write our very first video that will be posted to our webpage.
- Our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders are in the midst of an **ice skating unit** in PE. We want to thank the Fox Point Village for working with us to make this happen for our students.
- The students at Stormonth have been busy raising money for **Jump Rope for Heart**. On Thursday, February 26th all students will participate in a Jump Rope for Heart event during the school day.
- The staff and students participated in a **lockdown drill** with the assistance from the **Fox Point Police Department**.
- Teachers met with parents for **parent/teacher conferences**. We want to thank the parents for taking the time to meet with your child’s teacher. To have 99% attendance from parents is outstanding and something to be proud of. We would also like to thank the PTO for providing dinner to our teachers during one of the conference evenings.
- The PTO sponsored a **Winter Fun Night** for our students. The kids danced to the music of a DJ, played bingo and enjoyed a treat. Thank you PTO for organizing this fun evening for our students.
- Please check our school website for more information <http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/els/>.

Update from Bayside Middle School

- **Understanding Cultural Diversity:** We continue in our efforts to better understand our student and parent population. We took our first intentional steps as a staff in expanding our awareness of diversity last school year after having very challenging and valuable conversations about the student achievement gaps we see in reading and math between resident and non-resident students, socioeconomic groups, and ethnically diverse populations in our school. As a staff we have moved forward to broaden our awareness of diversity, bias and privilege, including a recent committee meeting with former and current parents where we discussed openly the topic of diversity and the challenges faced. We are excited for the opportunity to more authentically understand and celebrate our diversity at BMS.
- **How is Bayside Middle Increasing Student “Grit”?** At this time, we are preparing for the practice Badger Exam exercises made public in February. Our big focus is on the areas of “DOK”, or Depth of Knowledge, around which the actual Badger Exam questions will be written, and “grit”.

Grit represents the stamina and resilience that students will need to work through in the process of problem solving. We believe we have our focus in the right place with student pedagogy and stamina.

- **Strengthening Security at Bayside Middle School:** Increased security cameras and a beefed-up front door buzzer entry system are only part of our security enhancements at Bayside Middle School. On February 23, we conducted a full building Lockdown Drill in collaboration with the Bayside Police Department and Village of Bayside Staff. Next, we will begin meeting to plan our evacuation and reunification drill to occur in May. There will be a plan practiced in its entirety wherein students will evacuate off-campus to a secured location where students will remain secured until taken home by parents or the school bus. Both the Bayside Police Department and the Fox Point Police Department will be part of this planning and the drill as well.

Please check out the Middle School Website <http://www.foxbay.k12.wi.us/bms/> for more information.

Keeping kids active during winter can be fun

By David Melbye, DO

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin

The pull of TV and video games is strong year-round for kids, but throw in some bitterly cold weather, piles of snow and wind chills that need to stand on a ladder to see zero, and it makes getting kids up and around during wintertime a Herculean task.

But it can be done. And, better yet, it can be fun!

Outdoor

As long as the proper precautions are taken – in other words, bundling up like Ralphie’s kid brother in *A Christmas Story* – cold weather doesn’t mean your child can’t play outside. Hats, coats, gloves, scarves, snow pants and boots are essential for making sure everybody stays safe. And maybe the best part is, that big cup of hot cocoa you’ll have waiting for them when they get back inside will taste even better after they’ve gotten a little chilly.

Here are some outdoor winter activities to keep kids up and moving:

- **Building a snowman:** Don’t forget the corn cob, button (or carrot, if you prefer),

and two pieces of coal!

- **Sledding:** Make sure the hill isn’t too steep or icy, and doesn’t end near ponds, trees, fences, a street or parking lot. Also, check local laws and ordinances to make sure sledding is allowed in your area.
- **Snowboarding, skiing, ice skating, hockey:** All of these activities require specific equipment (helmets, wrist guards, fitted boots, etc.) and skill sets, so make a checklist, and if your child is a beginner, have him or her sign up for some lessons.
- **Snowball fights:** Make sure all participants know to use snow and not ice, and nobody should ever aim for the face.
- **Shoveling:** Granted, this sounds more like work than play, but it is great exercise. Just remember to lift with the legs and not the back, and bend the knees and lift the shovel in one fluid motion.



Indoor

Being inside doesn't have to mean being inactive. Even those devices often seen as the biggest detractors from physical activity (TVs, portable tablets) can be useful allies.

Here are some indoor activities to help keep kids' blood pumping in the wintertime:

- **Dance party:** Put on some of your child's favorite tunes and get to grooving.
- **Exercise:** If you've got a new gym membership this year, or if you're looking into getting one, see what the facility has available for youth. You can find anything from martial arts, swimming, yoga, basketball and plenty of other options.
- **Video games:** Wait, video games? As you might be aware, there is a lot of technology these days that includes physical activity as part of the interface. Games for the Nintendo Wii and Microsoft Kinect systems are designed to make the actions of the characters onscreen correspond with the players' movements. Everything from dancing to sports, it's a way to keep your kids active while doing something they enjoy.

- **House cleaning:** Like shoveling, this might qualify more as a chore, but it is something that has to be done, whether it's cleaning their room, dusting the shelves or even folding laundry. Plus, when families do it together, it can make for some quality bonding time.

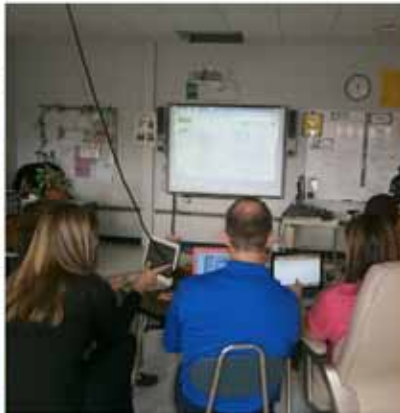
David Melbye, MD, is a pediatrician at Bayshore Pediatrics in Glendale, one of 21 primary care offices in the area owned by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Learn more at chw.org/bayshoreped.

We would like to thank Children's Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW) for sponsoring the Fox Point - Bayside PTO. This partnership is extremely beneficial for the PTO. CHW will have a presence at many PTO events.

If you have any questions, please contact Gillian Smith at gillianfsmith@gmail.com or 414.828.7459

Dr. Vance Dalzin
Superintendent

FOX-POINT/ BAYSIDE TECHNOLOGY MENTORING PROGRAM



New this year, the Fox-Point/Bayside District implemented a Technology Mentoring program at both Stormonth Elementary and Bayside Middle School. With the ever-evolving demands of teachers in the 21st century, teachers need on-going support of technology integration used to promote effective instruction and professional growth. This program serves as a professional learning community, which gives teachers an opportunity to learn, discuss, and support each other. Guided by the district Technology Integration Specialist, this program utilizes teachers' mentors to support technology integration in the schools.

One highlight of this program was the Technology Showcase, a mentor lead workshop featuring different instructional technology tools. During two different in-service days, mentors lead small group sessions differentiated to meet the different needs of the teachers. Sessions were focused on key implementations of Google Apps for Education, as well as other technology tools to support student learning.





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