

## Superintendent School Board Report – July 22, 2025

July is nearly finished and that means school activities and events are right around the corner. Things are ramping up at the school as we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. Here are a few items of note for the board.

1. Roofing Project – I have included an update on the roofing project in the board packet. Things seem to be moving along well and the roofing company has made great progress. As you will note in the report, there is some damaged sidewalk that will need to be replaced along with some improvements to the lawn. Overall, I am pleased with the progress and the new product looks good. We will talk later in the board meeting about Phase II and Phase III of the roofing project.
2. Registration time – It is time for the parents to register students. If parents have not done so already, they can contact the offices at the schools regarding the registration process for their child or children.
3. Battalion – We had a great honor of hosting the Battalion, a traveling group of bugle and drum corps musicians. We were approached about hosting after their initial plans fell through. It was a great opportunity for our community to high light and showcase some world class performers.
4. School Improvement Plans – I have met with the principals and we will be focused on school improvement plans again this year. Last year was the first year the district has completed a school improvement plan process. I envision we will follow a similar process of embracing an academic and a non-academic goal. These goals will be aligned to our district Portrait of a Graduate.
5. Portrait of a Graduate – On Monday, I will plan to share an updated version of the Portrait of a Graduate. This will be the last presentation before we bring forward a final draft for board adoption at the regular August board meeting. I am excited about our work and the direction we are going as we embrace a more student-centered approach to teaching and learning at Pipestone Area Schools.
6. County Fair – The Pipestone County Fair is right around the corner. As always, we are excited to see the exhibits and exhibitors from Pipestone Area Schools. See you at the Fair!
7. International Candidates – There has been positive feedback on the potential international teaching candidates to fill vacancies here in Pipestone. As of the draft of this report, there have been two offers extended to international teaching candidates. I am excited about the prospects of these candidates and I am hopeful that I can report that the candidates have accepted the positions very soon.
8. Back to School Conference – There will be a back to school conference I will be attending in early August. The conference will review some of the legislative changes and some of the pending issues as we start the new school year.

9. Book Study – The principals, Mrs. Pease, and I are completing a book study on student-centered teaching and learning. The book is titled “Learner-Centered Leadership: A Blueprint for Transformational Change in Learning Communities”. The book provides perspective and insights on the future of education and the need for more learner-centered approaches. The author provides some tools as well as lessons learned in becoming a more learner-centered school district.
10. Teacher Negotiations – We have been in communication with the teacher group. I believe we will be ready to begin in August with the negotiations process. We are going to start finalizing dates for the negotiation’s sessions in the next week or so.

That is all I have at this time. As always, if there are questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at the District Office.