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October Superintendent's Board Report

Board Members,

We have several items on this month's agenda for your review and approval.

The draft financial audit is included in your board packet for your review. Eide Bailly will be presenting the final audit at our November board meeting. This will give everyone an opportunity to look through the information and ask any questions before the final presentation.

We will also have a presentation on the results of our CESO transportation audit. This will be a good opportunity for the board to hear the findings and recommendations as we continue looking for ways to improve our transportation operations.

Dave will be presenting information on how we can tighten up internet access and filtering on our school-issued devices. We have had some concerns brought forward about what students are able to access on their Chromebooks. We currently use GoGuardian, but technology continues to change, and we need to make sure we are doing everything we can to protect our students. I appreciate the board's willingness to take a closer look at this. We want our students to have access to the tools they need to learn while providing a safe environment for them to do so.

You will also be asked to approve several items, including the seniority list, Secretary Handbook, hockey agreement with Park Rapids, and the joint powers agreement with the Wadena County Collaborative.

Facilities and Long-Range Planning

Last week, I met with SiteLogIQ, the last of the engineering firms we wanted to visit with as we explore who might be the best partner to help us carry out our 10-year facilities plan.

Our next step will be to bring the Buildings and Grounds Committee together before the end of the year to finalize our list of needs, wants, and dreams. We have talked about a number of projects over the past few years, and now it is time to put those ideas together and prioritize what we believe is important for the future of our district.



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Once we have that list completed, we will share it with the engineering firms and ask them to put together proposals outlining how they would approach our projects and what a partnership with Menahga might look like.

After Christmas, we will meet with the firms again, review their proposals, and narrow the list down to two or three firms that we will invite to interview with the full board.

I think we are taking the right approach with this process. We don't need to rush into anything. We want to make sure we have a good understanding of our needs, what we can afford, and who will be the best partner to help us move forward. We have worked hard to put our district in a strong financial position, and we want to continue making good decisions that will serve our students and community for years to come.

There are a lot of good things happening in Menahga, and I appreciate the work each of you continues to do to support our students, staff, and community. Our mission is to build partnerships to ensure all learners succeed, and I believe the work we are doing continues to move us in that direction.

It's a great day to be a Brave!

Jay Kjos
Superintendent
Menahga Public Schools



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