INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Taylor Stephenson February 11, 2013

1. The special education review team has submitted their report to me. I am reviewing it now, will do so with administration, and then will ask for the review committee to review recommendations for corrective action. I hope to have a team review the report this week; possibly Thursday at 3:30 for about an hour. Hoping that Dan's schedule will work; if not, will schedule at another time.

2. The Staffing Study review team has been to Brackettville and is currently writing its report. I forwarded a copy of the special education review because of staffing considerations. This will be an extensive report and will recommend that we consider numerous changes. The personnel changes will likely need to be made through attrition.

3. Architect request for information is due soon. I will review the recommendations with staff, and will present them to the board. The major issues that need to be addressed are:

a. what's the most economical and best way for the district to have two additional classrooms for the next school year, and (b) guidance in preparing a long range facility plan.

4. Coach Howell update. Did not get released today; having some new problems; still praying for his recovery. Administration has asked Tommy Sandoval, maintenance employee, to help with the baseball program for a few weeks. Ricky Creel, asst. coach is the asst. basketball coach, and he will go to baseball after basketball. Tommy was a super player, and can help us until Howell recovers fully. It is permissible with UIL according to Coach Richardson. We will pay a stipend for this service.

5. Update on administrative building problems and the contractor who has not responded to request from the architect. The architect says to notify the bonding company. I think it's time to send a certified letter to the contractor; and if no reply within a designated time period; file a complaint with the contractor's bonding company. I will work with the school's attorney in this matter.

6. Vacancies: how is the district handling replacements for those staff members who resign? 4th grade for Mrs. Majers and HS PE/coach for Candelario Rivera...did not fill positions. Melanie Jones is off salary, but have a long term sub covering for her. Majers & Rivera: We are covering with existing staff thanks to innovative scheduling from principals and cooperative staff who are picking up the duties of these 2.

7. Softball field improvements to dugouts: changing dugouts from wire to cinderblock. Same as baseball.

8. Future School calendar process: I will work with administrative team to build calendars before staff votes. After my review, we will ask campus committees to review the drafts and make recommendations for changes. Will meet with administrators to review recommended changes, and submit to the calendar committee for final vote. This process didn't work as well as it should have. I accept blame for that.

9. Solar-Prime, Robert Reichenberger told me that he expects to bring a proposal to the school board sometime this summer. BobPopinski, who worked on the windmill project for the district, is working on the proposal for Solar-Prime.

10. Staffing study is almost complete. I have seen a draft that will recommend that staffing be reviewed in many areas. Until the official copy is received, I won't release information on the study. I hope to get it this week, and will keep board apprised of the study.

11. FOR NEXT YEAR:

Still studying and working on grading periods...9 weeks or 6 weeks. Might be possible to do both with a 3 week notice to parents instead of 4.5 weeks.

Also, will see what the final recommendation is on 8 periods or 7 periods at high school and junior high.

Possible proposal to close campus at lunch time for 9th and 10 th grade students next year. I will relate plusses and minuses of this decision in the near future.