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Lewiston - Altura Schools: Building A Caring, Adaptable, Respectful, Determined, Successful Community

Superintendent's Report to the School Board
Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Carman
October 10, 2022

Meeting Agenda Item Notes

Financial Reports You will see that the Board Bills and Miscellaneous Payment reports have more detail than you have seen in prior reports. Thank you to Finance Assistant Kara Prosen for working with the SMART system to do this! As always, if you have any questions about any of the payments, feel free to contact me.

Closing of Altura Intermediate School As you know, at the September 12th Board Meeting, one of the recommendations from the Task Force was to close the Altura Intermediate School effective with the 2023-2024 school year, including moving the 5th graders to the elementary school, and the 6th graders to the high school. The Board then approved as a 'next step' to host a Community Meeting on October 5th to gather broader input from the community on the recommendations. On the October 10th meeting agenda are two items for follow up. The first is a discussion item regarding the situation, the input, the data, the options, etc. The following agenda items is a resolution to schedule a Public Hearing at Altura Intermediate School which would be the 'next step' if the Board wants to move forward with the closing the school closing. Due to requirements of public notice, the hearing would need to be on or after October 28th. An actual resolution to close the building would happen at a subsequent Board meeting.

School Bus Replacements Updates: Please see the attachment that shows our current bus, passenger vehicles and non-passenger vehicle inventories. Kevin, Bree and I met and reviewed and discussed the situation and options. (Toby and Dave were unable to attend.) On the agenda is a recommendation to purchase one 7-passenger van this month. We currently have four daily student routes and four vehicles that can be used for student transportation. A 5th passenger vehicle provides 'coverage' in the case of a breakdown or repairs needed. I will discuss in more detail, but we are recommending to 'hold' on ordering a 10-passenger vehicle pending future options and availability from manufacturers.

Also on the agenda is a recommendation to order a new 77-passenger school bus. It is not known if this bus would arrive before or after June 2023 (school year budgets).

Vehicle Budgeted Funding Sources:
ESSER II

Bus (FY21)

ESSER III/COVID \$:

Bus (Sept 2022)

Van purchased July 2022

Recommended SUV purchase October 2022

General Fund

Bus recommended order in October 2022 (will increase FY23 budget approximately \$25,000 if bus arrives in FY23).

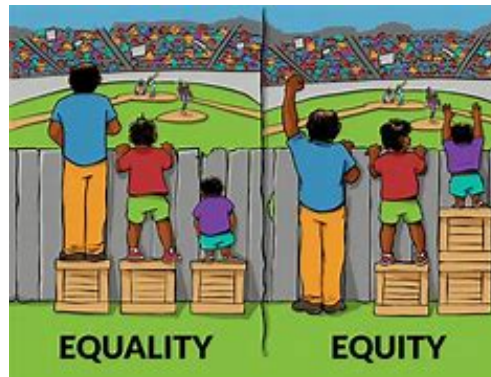
OTHER UPDATES

Altura Sunday Rental Possibility I met with representative from the Arise Church and discussed the proposal regarding rental costs if they were to use portions of the Intermediate School on Sundays. I had computed the costs based on our Facility Use fees, in addition to estimates for cleaning, snow plowing and misc. supplies. The representatives were very pleased with the proposal, however, ultimately have decided to not rent the building. They decided to look for a different location (closer to Stockton) to meet the needs of their members.

Wind Storm Insurance Claims We are continuing to work with our insurance companies and getting repairs and equipment replaced as a result of the April 12, 2022 hail and wind storms. The most recent Cumulative Loss and Claim is \$246,337.35.

Audit Representatives from CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) will present their results at our November meeting.

THANK YOU



**A reminder of the importance of considering equity in the work we do:
Every student deserves our best and what s/he needs to achieve.**