

## **BUILDINGS/GROUNDS & TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

**Date:** December 21, 2015  
**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Lori Ade

### **BUILDINGS/GROUNDS**

#### **Facilities Committee**

The Facilities Committee did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016.

#### **Georganna Fleenor**

First and foremost, I want to thank Georganna Fleenor for her 25 years with the Pana School District. Georganna has dedicated herself to this district and the buildings in which she has worked over the past 25 years. As the building supervisor for our High School, she was there from day one, and made it her goal to learn the operations of the building—inside/out! Her absence in our High School will be felt, but she's working hard to help ensure the High School is left in capable hands. Please join me in wishing Georganna the very best in her retirement!

#### **10 Year Life Safety**

As previously authorized, BLDD conducted our district's 10 Year Life Safety review of the Jr. High, Lincoln, and Washington Schools. Attached are the reports, along with my corrections/changes that have been submitted back to BLDD. The next step in this process is for BLDD to submit the report online to ISBE, and then once the State approves the report, the work can proceed as necessary. Most of the work items will be funded through our Life Safety funds, but there will be some items that could be funded using sales tax dollars. I will highlight some of the items to give you a better understanding of the report, and will be happy to answer questions that you might have.

#### **Washington Coal Room Project**

A bid solicitation will be published twice in the Pana News Palladium, Taylorville Breeze-Courier, and Shelbyville Daily Union newspapers during the next couple of weeks. With the Christmas & New Year's holiday, I have extended the deadline to January 25, 2016, with quotes to be reviewed at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Facilities Committee Meeting, and final approval to be made at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.

#### **Gym Floor Refinishing- Summer 2016**

We have received two quotes for refinishing the gym floors next summer. Both quotes are attached to this month's board report for your review. Veteran's Floors, Inc. has performed the refinishing for the last several years. It would be my recommendation to approval Veteran's Floors, Inc. with the refinishing work again next summer at the proposed cost of \$3,750. This is a \$25 increase over the last two years.

## **High School Boiler**

I'm working with Xcell Mechanical to review two options in replacing the downed boiler at the High School. We have been extremely fortunate with the fall/winter weather in not needing to run the boiler system very much, and with three operational boilers, we haven't been in a critical need to rush the process. As discussed previously with the Facilities Committee and the board, basically we have two options: replace the boiler with a duplicate boiler to maintain the existing system (estimated cost of \$26,000), or replace the downed boiler with a more efficient, larger thermal solutions boiler that would do the work of two Patterson Kelly boilers (current boilers) for the same BTU and heating capacity. The cost for this replacement boiler is approximately \$54,000. There are pros and cons on both sides of this decision, but we need to look long term to see what cost is anticipated with the existing system and what investment we want to make going forward. With the capital improvement plan around the corner, it would be nice to get an evaluation of our best options before moving forward, but not sure how long everyone is willing to wait on the solution. We can discuss in more depth at the board meeting if you so choose.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Leased Bus #21**

I wanted to bring everyone up to date on a bus issue we've been working through since September. One of the buses leased through Mid-West Transit was delivered in September and had a pretty significant high-pitched whistle/squeal that was constant as the bus accelerated. Mid-West took the bus back to the shop to try and locate the source of the sound. After several weeks of investigative work, talking with engineers and mechanics, it appears the source has finally been identified. The time consuming part of this process has been that Mid-West always had to get permission from International Bus before making any adjustments/changes to the bus.

It appears we will have the bus back the last week of December. The issue that I'm working on is getting credit for the time we have been without the bus. We paid a full year's lease payment when delivery of the bus was made, but only had the bus 3 days before sending it back to Mid-West. Our sales reps at Mid-West, as well as the people at International know that we will be requesting some type of return compensation for the almost 4 months that we've been without our leased bus. As we work together to resolve this issue, I will keep everyone updated.

### **GPS Tracking Systems**

Thanks to Clint Foor for bringing information back from the Board Convention on a GPS tracking system. I have looked at a few different companies who offer gps bus and student rider tracking systems, as well as mechanical diagnostic assistance. I will look at getting different quotes from all the companies I've researched and bring a recommendation to the board for next school year.