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**CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD UPDATE  
May 8, 2015**

**DSIT Minutes**

Julie has provided the minutes from the most recent District School Improvement Team meeting; they are attached.

**Office Coverage**

Vicky will be out of the office for about a week due starting today due to carpel tunnel surgery.

**Trails**

I spoke with John Hanifan for a few minutes this week. It appears that the city may be ready to move forward with their plans to provide trail connection through the water treatment area later in the summer. The part that impacts us runs along the creek south of North Creek Elementary. I have expressed that we are in support of the project and want to partner with them to make this happen. There should be zero cost to the district. I expect to have a formal request from the city in June.

**Pierce Lake Rental**

We discussed this at the work session but, until recently, it appeared that the idea to rent some of Pierce Lake to Immanuel Bible Church for Sunday services was dead. Not that case! They have come forward with a new proposal. It isn't perfect, but it does provide some additional income for us while also getting some "use" in the school. In particular, we could use the gym for some community education activities and 100% insurance coverage. Next year, we'd see about \$15,000 in added income with an additional \$12,000 more for years 2 and 3. We have a couple committee meetings on Monday and Tuesday that are good opportunities for feedback, if you have some. Our goal is to try to make a decision one way or the other by Wednesday.

**CEA – Benefits and American Fidelity**

Open enrollment is always interesting. For obvious reasons, this year is no different. Here are a couple key issues to know about:

- Katy Fillion email – Per a request from Laurel, I followed up with Pat White to see if there was any unfair labor practice in her email by meddling in a non-union issue or attempting to "incite" organization. Essentially, the answer is no,

and even if we tried, the time and effort would not be worth any tangible outcome in this case.

- American Fidelity – We are requiring all employees to meet with a representative from American Fidelity when they turn in their election form. This is being done to ensure compliance with all of the health care rules and regulations. The simple truth is that the business office does not have the capacity to do it all on their own. It is true that American Fidelity does get the opportunity to see if any supplemental products are needed, but they also stop immediately as soon as someone says “no thank you, where do I sign.” Several members of the CEA are being very difficult about this for the second year in a row.

In summary, I would just say that the CEA clearly does not want to be a partner in any way when it comes to health care, benefits, or associated processes. Very disappointing, indeed.

### **Legislative Update**

Both the House and Senate have now passed their School Aid budgets. There are some significant differences between them. Up next will be the Revenue estimating Consensus Conference. That is scheduled for Friday, May 15. From there, the two legislative bodies will send their budget bills to conference committee. We are hearing that the overall outcome will likely lean more toward the Senate version, but will be greatly influenced by those individual’s selected to represent their respective chambers on the conference committee. More to come...stay tuned...

### **Upcoming Events**

- Monday, May 11 - 8:00 AM - Policy Committee Meeting - Central Office
- Tuesday, May 12 - 4:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting - Central Office
- Wednesday, May 13 - 6:00 PM – Cum Laude Banquet – CHS
- Monday, May 18 - 7:00 AM - Legislative Breakfast - WISD
- Monday, May 18 - 6:30 PM – Board Meeting - WSEC
- Monday, May 25 - No School; Memorial Day
- Sunday, May 31 - 2:00 PM - Graduation – CHS
- Monday, June 8 - 6:30 PM - Board Meeting – WSEC
- Monday, June 22 - 6:30 PM - Budget Hearing – WSEC
- Monday, June 22 - Immediately following the Budget Hearing - Board Meeting – WSEC

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.