

WEST BONNER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #83



Facilities & Transportation Report Ryan Carruth, Operations Director

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WBCSD FACILITIES

Custodial Update:

- Building cleanliness has been achieved this month. Spring break team cleaning was highly productive. Brian Lamanna continues to have to focus more of his time on maintenance district-wide, which has pulled him from day time custodial tasks at the HS.
- Continued challenges given the ongoing volume of maintenance calls in the district.
- Katie's Cleaning was contracted during spring break to deep clean the life skills rooms in PRE and PRLHS and to conduct a worm larva spray application.
- PRE Custodial clean conducted carpet cleaning in 7 PRE classrooms during spring break.
- Our PLE custodian did a fantastic job painting bathroom floors during spring break to cover the profanity that was carved into the paint.

Maintenance Updates:

- Maintenance in PRE Gym including installation of new clock and protective cage
- Survey of PRE Unit Heaters
- Unit Ventilator Disassemble and Deep clean room 130 PRE
- Repaired Two vacuum cleaners rewiring electric motors
- Repaired plumbing fixture in PRLHS teachers lounge - found a fork clogging the Trap.
- Art room sinks in PRLHS were full of clay in the catch basins - Disassembled all plumbing in order to clean and clear the lines.
- Replacement of classroom whiteboards in PRLHS
- Routine Maintenance on lawn mowing equipment getting prepared for grounds maintenance season.
- Repaired leaking drain pipe which was leaking inside walk in cooler in the kitchen
- Installed drain pan funnel for dishwasher in cafeteria kitchen
- PRJH - Installed a new American flag and a new Idaho state flag.
- Installed irrigation meter for Hydrowise water flow and pressurized the system
- Installed a new sump pump in the basement for the boiler system.
- Worked on Boiler troubleshooting why it was shut down - McKinstry tech came on site to re-wire the Honeywell burner controller.
- Deep clean District office using carpet extractor

Facilities Committee

- The facilities committee did not meet this month.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 14th, 2025 at 5pm in the PRLHS Library. All are welcome to attend.

Capital Improvements Updates

- RFP for PRLHS roofing replacement was noticed in the paper this week. It will be posted again next week before we are open to receive bids. We are targeting June 8th to start construction.
- Red Barn will be torn down this week and all items will be disposed of except for Barn wood, barn door, and sliding door track assembly which will be auctioned and sold at a later date.
- PRE Unit Heaters - Contractor was on site last week and will provide us a preliminary bid for the replacement of unit heaters in the building which are at the end of their service life.
- Johnson Controls conducted a controls evaluation last week for PRLHS and PRE and will be providing us with a strategy for upgrade and replacement schedules in both buildings.
- RFPs for HVAC improvements are in development and will be distributed this week.

Challenges

- Kevin will be out for a medical procedure and will be out for 6-8 weeks. We have contracted a sub to fill the gap until he returns. We will keep him in our prayers for a full and speedy recovery.
- The PRJH boiler went down during spring break. Our troubleshooting found melted wiring to the electrical panel. McKinstry's tech came on site last week and rewired the burner and the boiler is back up and running.

Successes

- Utilizing advisory members of the Facility Committee to help guide our team on the capital improvements strategies.
- Brandon Goins with Goins Excavating and Roads continues to be an invaluable contributor in the demolition of the Red Barn at no cost to the district.
- Brian Lamana has stepped up in a big way to fill the gap while Kevin is out for medical reasons.

WBCSD TRANSPORTATION:

Mechanic Position Update

Brian Ranger is our new WBCSD Transportation mechanic and he has hit the ground running. There is a lot of work to be done after having a three week span without a mechanic in place, but he is going above and beyond to repair buses and get our fleet running smoothly. Brian has 9 years experience as a school bus mechanic in Washington state and Nevada for two large school districts and he brings a wealth of experience and a dynamic skill set as a mechanic. He is a fantastic new addition to our Transportation family and we are delighted to have him on board.

Ridership

Ridership data was collected and submitted to the state on Monday April 14, 2025. Data was collected from all ridership from morning and afternoon routes from Monday April 7 - Thursday April 10, 2025.

- Morning Route Average = 332.5 students transported
- Afternoon Route Average = 304.75 students transported
- ** calculated by taking the average ridership of all 11 routes

- October 2024 TOTAL RIDERSHIP = 3,001 students transported
- April 2025 TOTAL RIDERSHIP = 2,549 students transported
- *calculated by adding total ridership in morning and afternoon routes, Monday through Thursday.

- Ridership is down 15% since October 2024.

Evac Week

Evac week is the week of April 14-17, 2025. All drivers on all routes will be conducting evacuation drills and documentation will be maintained per state guidelines.

State Inspection

We had our state inspector on site last week for our two year inspection from the SDE Department of Pupil Transportation. This was a great opportunity for us to learn from the state and receive feedback which we will use for our continuous improvement efforts. The inspector provided a summary of his findings during the closing meeting. We performed well in all areas except for drivers files and policies. There will be some recommended corrective actions in both of those areas and we plan to update a few policies and better organize employee files for our drivers. Overall, the inspector was complimentary of our operation and feels that we are heading in the right direction overall. We should receive the full inspection report in the next 1-2 weeks which will include the findings and recommended corrective actions. We will communicate this information to the board of trustees in the next scheduled regular board meeting.