



## February 2026 – Board Report

**CHS Auditorium Lighting:** As of the summer of '23 when phase II of Bond was completed the auditorium was renovated. Since then we have had challenges with the house lights which are LED recessed cans on a complex programming/control system. Over the last 10-12 months there have been sporadic 'glitches' with individual fixtures, mainly where the light will strobe/flash. Working with various contractors e.g. lighting manufacturer, control programmers and electricians we have begun to dig into these issues further. The problem has been that the failures are sporadic so it is difficult to replicate and troubleshoot at the moment. However, we have the right folks involved and are working through this with Rachel Slupe and keeping her informed on all progress. We will get these issues resolved.

**Mechanical Failure PLECC :** We have recently run into a handful of mechanical issues that I would qualify as major. Both failures occurred on 30 year old equipment. First at PLECC we experienced a boiler failure on Boiler #1 (there are two building boilers). This same failure and repair was made 5 years ago on the other boiler, #2. There was a crack identified in the boiler during boiler inspections, this crack under pressure can cause greater failures or worse safety concerns. We have been fortunate with these cold temperatures that one boiler has been keeping up and maintaining safe building temperatures. We have a quote and repair scope of work to ensure this boiler is safe and operational. The replacement of these boilers at PLECC will be identified in sinking funds or bond dollars at a future date; in the meantime we need to get through another one and a half more heating seasons with our current boilers. *See photos of the boiler below.*



**CHS AHU 2803 Coils:** During one of our very cold snow days, it was brought to our attention that we had a leak near the art room at CHS. Upon immediate response and investigation we found that an air handler unit's heating coils sprung a leak, ultimately flooding the unit itself and part of the mechanical room. This unit, AHU 2803, is a smaller unit that supports heating and cooling for the auditorium stage and only the stage; there is a larger redundant unit that supports the rest of the auditorium and it is running just fine. We were able to solder/weld the heating coil and it passed its pressure test so we at least have heat on the stage until the new coil can be replaced. This is sinking fund eligible and needs to be replaced so that these temporary breaks welded don't fail again over time. We have a good plan on this.

### **GO BULLDOGS!!**

My Best,  
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