

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

**Date:** December 18, 2017  
**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Lori Ade

### **BUILDINGS/GROUNDS**

#### **Facilities Committee**

The Facilities Committee did not meet during the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Pana Jr. High School.

#### **Water/Lead Testing**

We had a few outlets cleaned and/or replaced, and then retested those outlets. Unfortunately, the levels were not improved by the steps taken. IDPH does not have remediation requirements in place, which basically means that we don't have a deadline or required "fix." However, we continue to make sure that the students and staff have safe drinking water. Courtice Bauman with Courtice/Grayson is still in the process of developing our Quality Water Management Plan, which IS required by the IDPH.

#### **Jr. High Gym Project Update**

At this time, the district has still not been contacted by Slay's Restoration or it's legal counsel.

#### **Strategic Plan**

GRP has provided us with an updated Strategic Plan, prioritizing projects by Fiscal Year. Mr. Bauer & I have reviewed the plan and will present to the Facilities Committee on January 10<sup>th</sup> when we meet at the Jr. High (location where most of the projects are identified). After the Facilities Committee Meeting, we will present the recommended plan to the full Board at the January Retreat on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Additional Surveillance Equipment**

Due to the high volume scheduled of work over the holiday breaks for schools, Wired Technologies may not be able to get our surveillance camera additions installed. Scott Savage is working with this vendor to try and get them here. I have attached the proposal for the additional parking lot equipment that was requested by the Sr. High staff. Scott Savage will be present at Monday night's meeting to explain the detail of what this proposal covers.

## **Old Telephone Equipment**

I requested quotes for the removal of old telephone equipment that is no longer in use, but taking up valuable space and simply needs to be removed. Unfortunately, this removal will require someone other than our staff to disconnect everything properly. The good news is, Scott Savage said the district could realize some cost reimbursement by selling the old equipment once it is disconnected. I have attached two quotes received; one from Heart Technologies for \$425, which only includes the equipment here at the Unit Office, and one quote from Consolidated Communications for \$1,170, which includes removing all the old equipment from all 4 schools and the Unit Office. If the board does approve this work, I would recommend Consolidated Communications be awarded the work, since their quote includes all 5 locations, and ultimately at an overall better cost.

## **Hourly Substitute Employees**

Once again, we have posted on websites, social media, and with our local newspaper the need for substitute custodians and cafeteria employees. Our need is great and in talking with other districts, substitute employees are paid at a much higher hourly rate than what our district currently pays. I would ask that the board revisit the hourly rate of our substitute employees and seriously consider an increase closer or equal to the starting rate in those given permanent positions.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Nothing to report at this time, other than a shout out to our drivers and bus aides! They are amazing and do our district proud in taking the time and effort to make sure our students are safe and sound every single day!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!**