BUILDINGS/GROUNDS & TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Date: November 20, 2023
To: Board of Education

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BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee met on the 8th of November. I have attached the minutes from that meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29th.

New School Update

There has been a lot of changes to the school over the past month. The 2nd floor drywall is over 90 percent hung and about 60 percent finished. Painting has also begun upstairs. The first floor drywall is about 50 percent hung. The building is enclosed, except for a couple windows. They will begin heating the entire building this week. We took the staff on a tour last week and the majority of them thought it looked great.

Maintenance Grant

I have applied for a maintenance grant. This grant will help cover the cost of new door hardware ant the High School and to replace the remaining interior doors at the Jr. High. This is a 50/50 matching grant. I have applied for \$50,000 and we will match the other \$50,000 from fund 20. I would ask the Board to approve this grant so that we can get it sent off before the December 1 deadline.

Transportation

Bus Lease

I will need to replace our lift bus in July as it will be coming off its 5 year lease. I would also like to lease two more buses to replace older ones that we are spending too much money on in order to keep them running. When we lease buses they have a five year warranty so we would not have to sink thousands of dollars into our older ones. I will have a proposal ready to present at the December meeting.

I have hired a new Bus Driver. This is a huge plus for the Transportation department. I still need to find a couple more, so we can open up a couple routes that we have had to combine. I have two routes that have between 75-80 students on them.