

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS & TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Date: March 20, 2023
To: Board of Education
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BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee met on March 15, 2023. I have attached the minutes.

School Update

The new School is progressing well. The footings are almost complete and the gym walls have starting going up. They have six of the forty gym panels up. They plan to install about ten per day. The elevator pit is dug and poured. The next phase will be to begin the structural steel and concrete work on the gym and begin to set the panels for the main building.

Summer Projects

During the Facilities meeting, I presented a list of items that I would like to work on this summer. These projects would be upgrades at the Jr. High and high school. I am working on quotes now and should have them ready by the April meeting.

Summer Help

We are going to need to hire a few summer workers this year to help out in the buildings. I will have two custodians off all summer at the high school and Ron Brown will be retiring at Lincoln. I think we will need to hire at least four people to help out in these areas. I would like to post these around the 1st of April. We are also short on sub Custodians, right now we only have one for all the buildings.

I am going to have several unfilled positions. I will have two open bus routes, one Custodian position open and a delivery position open.

New Lift

I presented a proposal to the Facilities Committee at the last meeting for the purchase of a new lift for the District. We currently have a lift but I feel that at the heights we go that is not safe. I will still use this lift for jobs with lower working heights. This can also be used at the new school when it is completed. This lift is 32 inches wide and will lift to 32 feet. It is also on wheels, so it can be easily moved from building to building. The cost of the unit was \$20,570.00 but they will sell it to us for \$15,800.00. This lift will be a scissor lift, which will be much safer than our current one. I would recommend that we purchase the lift from United Rentals in Springfield for \$15,800.00.

Sale of Property

The Nokomis school District has approached us and would like to purchase 100 of our old track hurdles for \$750.00. TCCU donated new ones to us last year. We will also be giving them the old high jump pit as it was deemed old and unsafe for our use. The money will go back in to the track fund. I will need a motion to approve the sale of the hurdles for \$750.00 and give them the high jump pit.

Transportation

Lift Bus

Our new lift bus has finally arrived and is already operating in our fleet. This will give us a spare lift bus in Case of emergencies.

I have hired a new Driver to fill one of our open routes. His name is Dan Dust and he is originally from Pana. Dan moved back here from the Highland area where he drove for First Student. Dan will be a great asset to the District.