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Board Report

August 15, 2025

1. **Tentative Budget** - the tentative budget will be presented at the August board meeting. Thereafter it will be placed in the September meeting for a Budget Hearing and approval. Appropriate publications have been made in the local newspapers.
2. **Audit** - Kathi Norman has been working with our auditor getting them the information they need to complete the audit. They are still waiting for financial information to be released by TRS before the audit can be finalized. If this information becomes available in time for the September meeting then the audit will be presented to the Board in September, otherwise it will be in October.
3. **Construction** - We continue to meet weekly with our construction managers and have been assured that the projects remain on track for completion by the start of next school year.
4. **Transportation** - We have engaged with Illinois Central Bus company on an emergency basis to provide us with 4 and possibly 6 drivers to augment our compliment of drivers. The start of school has gone well (with normal hiccups) and we continue to tweak our operations. Sloane Dempsey has done a phenomenal job providing leadership and direction to the department in the absence of Transportation Director, Dave Barrett.
5. **Dump Truck and Fryer Purchase** - As discussed in prior board meetings these two items were formally put out for bid. The results of the bids and the recommendation are in your board materials.
6. **MOU for Transportation Attendance Bonus** - The administration is again recommending an attendance bonus for our bus drivers to discourage call-offs that significantly upset our operations. We are offering the same bonuses as last year and the Transportation Association is in agreement. The MOU is included in the board materials.
7. **Cafeteria Price Increases** - At the July Board meeting there was a consensus among board members to increase the cafeteria prices 10% above the level then presented. This is due to the district running a deficit in lunch operations. The new pricing is included in the board materials.