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Superintendent's Report to the School Board
Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Carman
July 10, 2023

Meeting Agenda Item Notes

Calling for A November 7, 2023 Election Final wording for the 3-question November 7, 2023 referendum is on the agenda for your approval. I will also have updates on election details and other 'next steps.' The election polls will be at two sites- per the 'Combined Polling Site' resolution approved in December 2022 (as required by law). One at Lewiston City Hall and the other at Altura City Hall. The December Resolution inadvertently did not include the Rollingsstone Township which is why it is an 'addition' in this resolution.

Activities Director/Dean of Students Position: On the Consent Agenda is the resignation of Brian Menk who has accepted a full-time AD position with the Pine Island School District. Mr. Menk has been a highly respected staff member for his work with students, staff, coaches, parents and area ADs. The position has been posted and I will have a status update at the meeting.

HVED Purchase of Winona Mall/Amended Joint Powers Agreement We will discuss the most recent updates on this important topic at our meeting. You can anticipate that we will have a Special Meeting in July for the purpose of approving an updated HVED Joint Powers Agreement. Thank you to Board Member Koverman for her representation on the HVED Board and for agreeing to be part of HVED's Facility Committee.

OTHER ITEMS

August 19th, 2023 School Reunions School Tours Several LA HS classes are having reunions on Saturday, August 19th. I have agreed to offer a tour of the high school, followed by the elementary school starting at 3:30pm. Unfortunately, I also have plans to be out of town that day to attend my own 45th high school class reunion. **I am hoping 1-2 Board members are available to do this?**

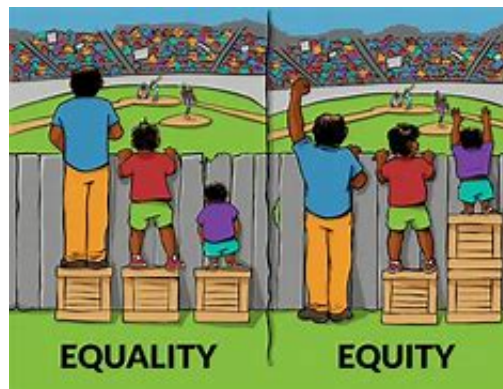
Altura School Closing/Auction of Excess Materials/Facilities Management Agreement with Dashir Management Services, Inc. It has been a very busy month with the transition to Dashir Management, preparation for and the pick up of items from the Grafe auction, moving items from Altura to the elementary and high school, the many tasks related to relocating the 5th and 6th graders and our 'normal' summer cleaning and preparation for the transfer of ownership to the City of Altura. .

Thank you to our custodian Dan Buege who has agreed to serve as our Interim Facilities Director while Dashir continues to interview. Dan will have both district and Dashir work agreements during this interim period. I am very appreciative of Dashir personnel's support, responsiveness and attention to many facility and grounds work that need to be addressed.

Dutchman's Crossing Drive I met with representatives from Utica Township and the City of Lewiston on July 6th. I will have an update of what I learned.

Policy Revisions Coming from MSBA I am still anticipating 20+ MSBA recommended policy changes in the next couple months. It is important to know we must follow any law changes July 1st, even if our policies have not yet been modified to reflect new legislation. MSBA has advised that some of the modifications will be minor, and others will be more extensive.

Business Office Staffing The individual who initially accepted the Finance Assistant position subsequently declined it. Vickie Speltz will work approximately 20 hours per week for the business office. Sheala and I are also exploring options for expanding services with Bergankdv. I want to express a wide and sincere 'thank you' to Sheala and Vickie for all they are doing at this very busy time.



A reminder of the importance of considering equity in the work we do:
Every student deserves our best and what s/he needs to achieve.