

November 6, 2024

Greetings All,

Congratulations to our newly elected Board members Linsey McMurrin, Michael Anderson, Luke McGregor and Barb Sherman. I look forward to working with you as we move forward. Thank you also to those of you who are currently serving for your dedication to the School District. Your service is appreciated.

Just a reminder that the Board meeting is on Tuesday the 12th due to Veterans day on the 11th at 5:30.

You are all also invited to a breakfast and a learning opportunity with Dr. Phil Warrick on Thursday, November 21st from 7:15-8:05am in the Media Center Conference Room. I will send out more information on this in a separate email.

We have changed how we process dental claims. We still use a third party, but we need a separate bank account just for those funds. This will make all of the involved processes more efficient and won't cost any more.

There is a lawyer who specializes in construction contracts for schools. I am having him review the ICS contract on our behalf. The Board needs to officially hire this firm. I have used him on other building projects and I highly recommend we use him not just for this contract, but for other contractors we employ if we move forward with a large scale project. It is money well spent.

The property we are considering buying is now surveyed and recorded. The committee reviewed several options, and this is the most viable one. This recommendation was unanimous. The purchase agreement has been reviewed by our attorney and we may proceed.

We have one paraprofessional who requires training for the read act. The union is requesting and I am supportive of paying her the same rate as we pay teachers for the same level level of training.

I am building the agenda for November 25th. It will include a one hour listening session by ICS. A presentation on Fastbridge, Data on grades, attendance and enrollment projection, If the Census website is cooperative, I would like to look at community demographic trends. This is the short list for a start.

To all of you who ran for the Board you will need to complete your "Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing and get it to the district office. My secretary, Amy Olund needs to record it within seven days.

Call me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wellen, Superintendent