

Superintendent Report

March 14, 2022

Buildings & Grounds

- Electric heaters in the women's and men's restrooms by the old gym/blue tile area are now working. We may have to replace the heater in the women's restroom.
- We're looking at getting paper towel dispensers for all of our restrooms in the building.
- Hallway floors were waxed over spring break and will be buffed during the summer break.
- Gym floor polyurethane will be applied this summer. Hopefully in late June and early July so that it doesn't take summer practice time away from just one sport. We're trying to time it so it's split between summer volleyball and basketball.
- Dean tenBensel stopped in and visited with me about the Class of 1961's purchase of the metal bench for the district. After talking to the staff and the paras that do morning and afternoon duty outside, they feel that we should put the bench on the south side by the main entrance doors. It would get more use out there than by the bus drop off on the west side of the building.

Cambridge Educational Coop Meeting – we've worked with Cambridge and Central Community College so that our 2022-23 calendars and our morning and our late afternoon class times align. The calendar was the biggest obstacle that CCC wanted us to work on. They wanted our schools in session on the same days so that both schools would be in session while they're sending classes over DL or the computer.

Canvas Learning Management System – We're going to use Canvas as the district's LMS for our students and staff starting next year. Learning Management Systems are used in conjunction with PowerSchool for grades, announcements, discipline, sending and receiving assignment, tutorials, instructional videos, etc. We have some teachers using Schoology, Google Classroom, and other free LMS's. The Nebraska Department of Education wrote a grant a few years ago and selected Canvas as their preferred LMS. Within the grant, any school district that uses Canvas will get it for free through 2023-24 school year. NDE is looking at renewing the grant to cover the cost for Canvas through the 2025-26 school year if possible.

Contracts – none this month

Grants

SRSA REAP Grant was submitted for 2022-23. REAP stands for Rural Education Achievement Program and its funds have to be for used targeting technology integration and accessibility for students. We'll receive \$26,064 for the 2022-23 school year. Chromebooks, new servers, network routers and switches, computer access points, televisions, and Apple TV units are just some of the items you use the funds for.

NDE Nutrition Supply Chain Assistance Grant – we applied for a SCA Grant and was awarded a \$10,700 grant to help with food purchasing issues associated with food supply chain issues that schools are facing with the pandemic. The funds have to be used for non-processed or lightly-processed nutritional items. We're planning on using our funds for milk and cheese. We have to expend the funds by the end of the 2023-24 school year.

District Safety Committee – has received a copy of our Rule 10 Safety Inspection and we've begun implementing some of the recommendations in the report.