

Superintendent Report

June 13, 2022

Buildings & Grounds

- KPE Engineering visited the school on April 25th to do an onsite inspection and preliminary engineering work. They're hoping to have the spec sheets for the new high school HVAC system ready to go out to bids by the end of May at the latest.
- We've talked to TL Sund about coming in and pouring concrete pads for the new HVAC system, the high school courtyard area.
- We're going to have Cacy Electric give us a bid to add a couple flood lights to the south end of the high school entrance on Walnut Street.
- The football field score board is ordered and hopefully will be here on Aug. 1st. We have Love Signs out of Kearney coming in and doing the installation.
- Bid opening for the new ESSER High School HVAC system was on Thursday, June 9 @ 1 PM in the new commons area. We received one sealed bid for the HVAC project from Rasmussen Mechanical Service out of Gibbon. This will be an action item to approve the bid during the board meeting.
- We've contacted a couple of fencing companies to come look at and give us bids for our repair and additions to the fencing around the football/track. None have shown up to look at or give us a bid...we'll keep trying.
- We're replacing the carpet in four high school classrooms this summer: Foley, Eman, Crosley, and Strands' room. The old carpet was in pretty bad shape so we're putting in some industrial quality carpet tiles. The rooms look really nice.

Grants – we applied for a **ConnectEd Nebraska Grant** for \$5,500. The funds have to be used for expanding network and computer connectivity in school districts. Our funds will be pooled with other ESU 11 districts that qualify to purchase additional server and network capacity for our building.

2020-21 Title Grant – we had \$22,705 leftover in our 2020-21 Title IIA grant. These “rolled over” funds have to be expended before the end of this August. During the Covid pandemic in 2020-21 school year, the U.S. Dept. of Education loosened up the restrictions on what schools could spend the grant money for. Title IIA funds are used for staff development training. We don't typically spend that amount on staff development activities during the school year. Through ESU 11 and NDE training, most of our staff development costs are covered. Instead of releasing the money back to NDE, we are planning on spending it on new staff computers, something the relaxed regulations allow for the funds.

Emergency Operation Planning – in the wake of the numerous shootings around the country, the district will be participating in an Emergency Operation Planning 2-day workshop on June

21st & 22nd. The workshop is required by NDE for all school districts in the state. We've been in the planning process for the last 4 or 5 months getting ready for the EOP training. All administrators, the Crisis Team, a member of the Arapahoe Rescue Squad, and the Furnas County Sheriff's Office will be at the two-day training.

Central Community College – has listed an adult English as a Second Language (ESL) class for next school year. We'll host the class in our Distance Learning room. The course begins on August 15th and run till December 19th. The class will meet on Mondays and Thursdays evenings from 7-9 pm. On the Mondays we have a board meeting, the class will move to the library.

Old Apple Computers – we'll be coming to the board in July with a list of the old Apple MacBook Airs (junior high is 11" screens, high schools are 13" screens) to be designated as excess equipment to be sold. The 11" laptop computers have a value of \$120 and the 13" computers have a value of \$200 each. I think it's a good time to offer the students their old computers first and then the public second if the students don't want to purchase their old computers. Reid will "wipe" the computers clean of any district software and ability to connect to our network.