

Superintendent Report

January 10, 2022

Buildings & Grounds -

- **Field Paint Sprayer** – is finally here. We'll be picking it up from Diamond Vogel the next time I have a RPAC meeting. We'll use it in the spring and summer for painting the curbs around the school, discus and shotput lines, and for the elementary field day events.
- **Administrator offices** – should be completed sometime this week. The old superintendent's office will be used for ISS and the bookkeeper's office is being used by the school psychologist and for small group meetings. Next year Mr. Perez will move into the superintendent's office since it has the security cameral system. The new elementary principal will move into Mr. Perez's office, and the bookkeeper's office will be used by the school psychologist/MTSS social-emotional person to be hired through our ESSER's II & III grant funds.

Rule 10 District Safety Inspection – is scheduled for January 17th. Under Rule 10, all accredited districts are mandated to have at least one safety inspection per year by an outside school safety consultant. Dr. Larry Witt will be doing the inspection again this year.

Grants & Reports

Coop Meeting – we'll be scheduling a Zoom meeting for the superintendents from Arapahoe, Cambridge, and Southwest Public Schools sometime in late January or early February. Topics to discuss include possible career and technical education classes we can share in the future, any classes we could send over distance learning, and coordinating our school calendars and bell schedules to make things easier on the students and planning for the staffs.

Bond Refinancing – we should be able to call our 2017 General Obligation Bonds in late January. There will be a cost saving estimation from Piper Sandler (Jay Spearman) included in the agenda.

School Board elections – incumbents seeking to remain on the board need to file at the Furnas County Election Office between Jan. 5th and Feb. 15th. Patrons of the district can file to be on the election ballot from Jan. 5th till March 15th.

Contracts

ESU 11 Master Agreement – is included in the agenda for the board approval. This contract is mainly for our special education services like speech, occupational and physical therapy services, technology support, and educational software and programs that we purchase from ESU 11 and the ESU Coop purchasing program. The board needs to approve the agreement for us to participate in the various programs and services.

ESU 16 Telecommunications/Distance Learning Contract – this contract is also an action item on the board agenda. ESU 16 acts as the western Nebraska hub for all of our distance learning needs. Under the contract, ESU 16 maintains and supports our DL network, does any troubleshooting if issues arise and fixes them, scheduling DL classes, instructor training, and numerous other services that pertain to distance learning. Basically, we get our internet services from Network Nebraska and the ESU 16 DL office takes care of all of our network, DL equipment, scheduling, training, and troubleshooting needs. They're a valuable resource to have when it comes to sending and receiving DL courses.

School Board Recognition Week in Nebraska will be January 30 to February 5th. Thank you for your service as a board member.