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Superintendent Report

May 2025

Tiger Tots Childcare Project:

The Childcare Project continues to make marked progress on a daily basis. The building is now framed and enclosed with the north side of the roof now finished. There have been electrical and plumbing contractors on-site the past week working on interior rooms. The 501c3 committee has hired Paige Graton of Otis, CO as the Director of Tiger Tots Childcare. Her work will be approximately 40 hours a month during May, June and July with full-time employment beginning in August. The application for licensure will be initiated in the near future.

Stratton Facility:

The Dundy County Library continues to work in the Stratton building to select the books that they would like to bring to Benkelman and add to the collection in the library. When she completes this task, the Haigler Community Center would like to see the remaining titles. We will be cleaning out the office in June as we begin to approach getting the building emptied on a room-by-room basis.

Summer Maintenance Project(s):

The summer work schedule has been initiated. Some of the projects identified for the coming summer have already been completed. The auto cell dialers have been installed in both the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High buildings by Nebraska Safety & Fire from North Platte, NE. The custodial/maintenance staff have placed safety strap(s) for all mechanical baskets in both gyms as well as installing the final two (02) electric motors in the Elementary gym so all mechanical baskets are now keyed.

Most of the underground sprinkler system for the football practice field has been ordered with some already received. The new football scoreboard shipped from the factory last week so it should be in Benkelman early this week. The weight room flooring will be shipped in the coming week and I am expecting the firm to be in Benkelman during the early part of June to do the install work.

As I reported last month, there has been a vendor that has formally submitted a bid for a storage facility on the Jr./Sr. High campus. AZ Custom Remodeling from Atwood, KS has forwarded a building proposal that has several options with it for consideration. Cleary Buildings was on campus last week gathering information and will be submitting a proposal in the near future. I have not heard from VAP Construction as of yet.

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NASB District Strategic Planning:

The revised District Strategic Plan information was received the last week of April. Representatives from NASB will be meeting with the administration on 06/17/2025 in Benkelman, NE to disseminate the information that was gathered and then utilized for the revision process. In visiting with the representatives from NASB, we have tentatively scheduled the August Regular Board of Education meeting (Monday, 08/11/2025) as the point where the revised Plan is presented to the Board.

Summer Hours:

The building offices will be open for the summer (Elementary 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./Mon.-Thu. & Jr./Sr. High 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m./M-Th.). Lunch will be served at the Elementary starting 06/02/2025 and concluding on 07/17/2025 (11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m./Mon.-Thu.). Summer School has been scheduled in both buildings along with camps and Drivers Education. These events will be on the district on-line calendar. The custodial/maintenance staff is working on scheduling projects along with the cleaning/preparing buildings for the 2025-2026 school year.

Superintendent Leave (2024-2025):

Work Day(s): 216 days available

Sick Leave: 10 days available (06 days used) = 04 days remaining

Vacation Leave: 15 days available (04 days used) = 11 days remaining

(current 05/12/2025)

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