

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools
Superintendent Report to Board of Education
April 8, 2024

Building & Grounds

1. Building & Grounds Committee - Even though we don't really have the financial resources to put projects on a schedule, we should still update our original listed items/issues that we either need or want to be addressed when funds are available. We will schedule a meeting for the committee prior to the end of this school year.

Technology

1. Technology Committee - The Technology Committee will need to find a time to meet prior to the end of the summer to review our current Tech Plan and make any necessary updates. A part of this meeting will be examination of our current Tech Plan that is submitted each year to NDE for the "Future Ready District Technology Profile"
2. Chromebook Disposal - We currently do not have Chromebooks that have aged out of our use plan, but that will occur after the 24-25 school year. Our rotation and replacement schedule will allow us to decide what happens with machines that have been cycled out of regular use and no longer have a warranty. The presumption will be that we designate them as surplus equipment, which would allow us to sell them to the general public, or to a vendor that specializes in that area.

Safety/Security

1. Building Evac via Bus - We are planning to run an evacuation drill on Wednesday, April 10 utilizing buses for the process. In the event, we need to evacuate and neither Prairie Pines, nor the Episcopal church are options for shelter, we may have to use buses to transport to the designated space. We will practice that method by taking all students/staff to the Ella Missing Center on Wednesday morning at 9:00am, then return everyone to the school before 10:00am and resume classes for the day. Furnas County Sheriff's Office has been contacted and plans to be on site to help with the drill and offer suggestions from their standpoint on the procedure.

Finances

2. Financial Consulting - I am recommending that we sign up with 1st National Capital Markets to have Carl Dietz assist our district with financial planning. The recent drastic changes in school budgeting have placed our district in a stressful situation for resources, and the viewpoint of someone from the outside would be very valuable. Mr. Dietz is a retired educator who served 14 years as superintendent in a number of central Nebraska districts, many comparable in size and structure to Arapahoe-Holbrook. He has been working as a consultant to many districts for the last 5 years through the FNBOs program. His perspective and additional presentation of our current/projected finances should be considered as the future of local control for school finances has come under aggressive attack these last couple years.

Other

1. Policy Updates - Our policies from KSB are all within 2 years of being adopted, but we will need to begin a regular schedule of policy review for those policies that don't have significant enough shifts to warrant updates from our legal counsel. This will begin at the start of the 24-25 school year, with all policies being reviewed and updated as necessary over a 3 year period.
2. Board Training/Development -
 - a. Financial Workshop - (TBD - May?)
 - b. Board Retreat - June 17, 18 or 19?