

Despite the lazy days of summer, much was accomplished at last night's Board of Education meeting. Here are a few updates for which you may have interest:

- 1. Buildings and Grounds Update**- The Board took action to approve the purchase of a new air-conditioning unit atop our high school auditorium. As you may recall, this unit went down in-mid June. While the Board looked at the cost to simply fix the aging unit, they unanimously agreed this would not guarantee further problems from arising in the future; moreover, parts are increasingly becoming difficult to obtain. Thanks to the good work of all project participants, we believe this one unit will be operational shortly after the school year begins, if not before.
- 2. Secured Entryways**- Last Tuesday, June 28, a large cross-section of employees and community members met to discuss implementation of security measures throughout the District' schools. The team spent almost 2 hours brainstorming a host of ideas designed to bring about a smooth transition. At the end of the meeting, several teams were developed for the purpose of researching and reporting back to the entire group at our next meeting on July 18 at 1 PM. We will be meeting at the District Office.
- 3. Mental Health Taskforce** – The team last met on Wednesday, June 22 at 6 PM. Despite some stormy weather, the meeting was very well attended. Director of Student Services Teresa Daane and School Psychologist Nicole Tepe led participants in a brainstorming activity that encouraged stakeholders to identify implications of our important work on the needs of our students, staff, community, and parents. Based on that information, the action team is in a better place to establish their next steps. All are welcome to attend these meetings, which will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month beginning at 6 PM in the back room of Culver's.
- 4. Community and Legislative Committee Listening Session** – As a friendly reminder, members of the Board and the Community and Legislative Subcommittee will be hosting a listening session on Wednesday, July 13 in Grundahl Park from 6-6:45 p.m. at the Pavilion. The event, which is paired with the Concerts in the Park series, will provide community members and interested stakeholders an opportunity to share comments, concerns, legislative advocacy ideas, and/or praise in a very informal way with the Board and its subcommittee.

If you have any questions or I may be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 608-437-2400, ext. 1210. Thank you for your kind attention and consideration of these highlights.

Steve