

Homecoming greetings, Vikings! We are eager for homecoming week festivities to fully get underway. Of course, events culminate with this Friday afternoon's parade beginning at 2:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m. kickoff football game against the visiting Norskies from DeForest, and Saturday evening's homecoming dance. This year, our Board of Education has elected to participate in the parade festivities. Look for the Viking "ship" to make its debut in the lineup.

Here are a few other pieces of noteworthy news from last evening's Board of Education meeting:

Security update: We continue the committee's efforts in developing protocols for entry into our schools once the "buzzer" entry system has been fully implemented. We anticipate no later than October 31, the Primary Center will be up and running as our pilot site. Building Services Coordinator Dave Reed is working with our vendor to begin the installation process soon. In addition, Director of Student Services Theresa Daane is working with a team of interested stakeholders to develop the procedures for entry. Their next meeting is slated for 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at the District Office. All are welcome to attend.

HVAC Project Updates: The high school HVAC project is heading into the homestretch. Even before the students and staff arrived on Monday morning, a giant crane was seen hoisting air conditioning unit number four onto the roof. As our contractor, NAMI, is completing their final paperwork for payment, and we will be better positioned to learn how much is remaining in our referendum dollars that might be devoted towards the replacement of either air conditioning units number one or five. While still working, these units have exceeded their life expectancy and the cost of replacement parts has been increasingly more expensive. The Board will likely consider a recommendation for replacement of one or both of these units at a future meeting.



Look at this amazing group! Students from our FFA chapter wowed the Board of Education not only in their impressive attire but the thoughtful messaging of their request to attend the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. This year's conference will occur October 19 - 22. A special note of thanks to FFA Sponsor Ms.

Pam Allen for her leadership. One only needs to look at this extraordinary group of young people to see the impact of her great work!

Approval of Support at the Bus Garage: Lastly, the Board took action on the administration's cost neutral recommendation for an 11 month secretarial position at our bus garage. This recommendation and its subsequent approval are a result of the Board's continued focus on ensuring the safety of all our Vikings. Routinely, calls coming into the bus garage were routed to voicemail due to the volume of inquiries and the number of times our Transportation Coordinator, Mr. Justin Harris, needed to be driving a route. We are attempting to be responsive to the needs of our families while at the same time restoring assistance that was cut back during the 2010 budget reduction cycle.

We are always looking for great talent in our District. If you know someone who loves kids, has a penchant from problem solving, and is detailed oriented, please encourage them to apply. We anticipate having the advertisement ready to go in the days ahead.

Well, that is all for now. We hope you will consider joining us in some of our homecoming activities this week. Please refer to our high school's website for details of the many happenings taking place.

I am proud to be a Viking and I hope you are too!

Steve