

We had another very productive Board of Education meeting last night. In an effort to keep communication lines flowing, the Board is pleased to provide the following updates:

1. **Buildings and Grounds Update**- We continue to be on budget and on time with the overall HVAC project. This, despite the fact that our 4th air conditioning unit failed on Monday morning. The District is in the process of procuring an estimated cost for total replacement versus repairing. The Board will be asked to take action at their July 5, 2016 meeting as time will be factor before the students return to school. In addition, great progress is being made on the installation of the windows at the high school. Our project coordinator and contractors will be meeting with Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds Reed, Assistant Superintendent De Young, and me this Friday as part of our bi-weekly meeting schedule. We intend to provide an update about tours throughout the summer in the coming days ahead.
2. **Secured Entryways**- A “tip of the hat” to Director of Student Services Daane and Buildings and Grounds Coordinator Reed for assembling a team of stakeholders for the purpose of advising on the implementation of secured entrances in each of our schools. We will be meeting on Tuesday, June 28, from 1-3 p.m. at the District Office. There are many implications on the workflow of a diverse group of employees, not to mention the communication needing to be made to our community. Anyone with interest in participating is welcome to reach out to Theresa Daane (daanetheresa@mhasd.k12.wi.us) or Dave Reed (reeddave@mhasd.k12.wi.us). We anticipate 1 or 2 more meetings will occur during the summer.
3. **Mental Health Taskforce** – After a very successful meeting a few weeks ago, the team will reconvene this Wednesday, June 22, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the District Office. The team will establish goals and strategies for their important work. A special note of appreciation to Mrs. Nicole Tepe, School Psychologist, who will help facilitate a brainstorming activity. The taskforce will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month (same time). The location may vary; however, we will be sure to share updates. All are welcome to attend.
4. **Educator Effectiveness Grant** – Upon reviewing the results of the Staff Wellness Survey, it was evident there were justifiable concerns about implementation of the state mandated Educator Effectiveness program. In an effort to support our teachers and principals, Director of Instruction Straka has assisted in the development of \$20,000 grant which, if approved, will permit our district to hire and train Educator Effectiveness Mentors/Specialists. We will be sending the grant in to the DPI this week. We will let you know when/if we receive any news.
5. **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 and 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