

The Board of Education met Tuesday night to discuss a number of substantive topics. I thought it may be helpful to provide a brief overview of some of their agenda items:

1. **Secured Entryways**- For some time now, there has been a great deal of discussion regarding how best to secure our schools' entrances. Many of you may know of a "buzzer" type systems in school districts around the region. Before implementation of any such system occurs in Mount Horeb, several considerations are needed. A small team of administrative assistants, buildings and grounds staff, principals, members of the police department, community members, and Bray Architects will discuss everything from protocols for entry into our schools to potential staffing implications to communication plans with our community and staff. In addition, we will want to visit a number of schools that currently use these types of systems. The goal is to pilot/beta-test this system in one or two schools no later than the third quarter of next year. Full implementation, at this time is unknown; however, sooner is better as long as it is implemented with the care deserving of such an important project. The Board's goal is to further enhance the safety and well-being of all students and staff. This will be a standing Board agenda item for the foreseeable future.
2. **HVAC Project Update**- As a friendly reminder, access to the high school will be restricted throughout the better part of the summer. Thank you for grabbing what you need prior to vacating this summer. Our Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Dave Reed, is working with our contractors to schedule times for interested staff and community members to periodically visit the construction site throughout the summer. While the project is still on time, the entire summer will be needed to complete it.
3. **Middle School Gymnasium** The District is fortunate to have some matching dollars available from our Basketball Boosters Club to refinish our middle school gymnasium floor. That project is well on track to begin on June 20. This, coupled with the HVAC project at the high school, puts our gymnasium space at a premium this summer. Thank you to everyone for your flexibility. Staying focused on the end "game" will go a long way in helping us through these inconveniences.
4. **Community and Legislative Committee Listening Session** – On the heels of a very successful Legislative Engagement Session at the Middle School Step Room this past April, the Board's subcommittee thought about how to further avail themselves to the community. As such, members of the Board and the 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.

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