



July 19, 2017 Superintendent Report

Mission: To provide a safe, comfortable, clean and caring environment where community and staff work together to provide an education that will maximize each individual's potential, instill a sense of self-worth, and prepare them for life-long learning.

Technology Team

I am very proud of our technology team as we are making needed changes to board policy and our AUP (Acceptable Use Policy), now called Digital Learning Policies and Procedures. The core team is made up of Mindy Driscoll, Greg Jergens, Patty Miles, and me. We met on June 27 and went through our technology plans “with a fine-toothed comb.” Document changes from the core team then went out to the rest of the technology team members for their review. One of these members is our school attorney, Brian Gruhn. The core team will be meeting again on August 7.

Assessors at District

County assessors were at both buildings in our district on June 19 and 20, 2017. Building assessments had not been done for some time. Square footage at the Jr./Sr. HS is 89,609 and the Elementary it is 60,761, which includes the new addition.

Pancake Flipping

Belonging to city groups is one of my responsibilities and I love to help out when needed. July 3 was no exception as the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast took place, this year at the Jr./Sr. High School. Community participants were pleased with the breakfast and we were happy to help out with the July 3rd activities. Next year I'll try to keep tabs of how many pancakes we flip!

New Addition Team

We're getting ready for the completion of the new addition at the Elementary. As a result, we have formed a New Building Addition committee made up of the following members: Ryne Christner, Ray Cooling, Donita Joens, Bill Kaestner, Abby Kasper, Shawn Kreman, Joe Loftus, Cindy Miller, and Martin Wieck. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, at 6:00 PM. We will be talking about function of each new space, fitness room needs and membership, and fundraising ideas. I will share more at the school board meeting on July 19.

IASB Fiscal Management Conference

I will be attending the IASB Fiscal Management Conference on July 19 from 9 AM – 3:30 PM in Altoona. Keynote speakers will be Nick Ouellette, Supt. from Hudson, WI, and Donna Mueller, IPERS CEO. Nick was a superintendent in in same conference when I was a superintendent in western Iowa. He moved to Wisconsin and will be sharing lessons learned from Wisconsin's collective bargaining changes which may/may not be similar to Iowa's changes. Other break-out sessions include topics on: legislative recaps, data collection, strategies to use with tight budgets, fiscal stories of school districts, and partnerships with community members.

Upcoming Dates

July 24	Gym floor refurbished at Jr./Sr. High School
July 26	Attend City Council meeting for possible cost sharing for storm sewer change order
July 31	School Safety Meeting at the Iowa Co. Sheriff's office
August 2,3	School Administrators of Iowa Conference in Des Moines
August 9	Registration from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
August 11	Live Healthy Iowa presentation w/ Chuck Long, former U of I Hawkeye quarterback
August 17	New teacher orientation
August 18, 21, 22	In-service days for staff
August 23	First day of school!