

# *Superintendent's Report*

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## **BOARD UPDATE**

- **Old House on Bolen Road School Property** – Well as you can see from the photos (all take from essentially the same spot), the old farm house on the Bolen Road property is now gone. We have finally removed all the old buildings and “attractive” nuisances on the property. A huge thank you to Colf Construction for doing such a wonderful job for us on



this effort. Now that this job is wrapped up, we can say that the property is both “free and clear” of all debt, and now structures.



- **Summer Maintenance Projects** – As with all summers, our maintenance and custodial crews are busy working on cleaning and prepping our buildings and grounds for the upcoming school year. This includes painting, repairing, waxing and updating the many thousands of square feet of school buildings we have in the district. This also includes refinishing all of our gym floors as well. No small task, but one that our staff tackles very well every summer.
- **Maintenance and Operations Levy** – I wanted to take the opportunity to remind the Board that nearly three years ago our voters approved a flat three-year M & O Levy, which will run through the 2016 calendar year. That means that we will need to put before the voters another levy request next spring. We are the only district in the county that is operating on a flat levy

(no increase each year). I am proud to say that even though we have the lowest levy amount per student of any district in the county, we provide top-tier results year in and year out. To me this is a terrific example of value to our voters.

- **Critical Facility Upgrades Continue** - As you probably know, the high school was originally completed in 1993 with an upgrade and expansion in 2004/05. Last summer we replaced all the aging carpet in the original classrooms of the school that lasted more than two decades. We have also worked to replace many other of the original systems of the original school over the years. This would include boiler burners, hot water tanks, fire systems and so on. One of the items that has been in need of replacement was the original door on the built-in freezer in the high school kitchen. This has been a huge problem for our kitchen staff for many years, but the cost has just proven to be too significant to take on. Well this year we found a vendor and a solution that replaced the door for us at about half the cost. To say the least we are thrilled to click off another significant, but not regularly seen by most, facility need using the funds that are provided to us by our community through our levy. FYI.



I think that is all for now. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Talk with you later.

*Mark*