## Superintendent's Report

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## **BOARD UPDATE**

• **High School Athletic Fields** – My oh my how things can change in a year. The photo in the upper right was how our new HS athletic field looked a year ago. The lower photos shows how the field looks now. And with the continued help of the La Center Education Foundation, additional work to improve the field marches on.

Work to improve the drainage has now been completed. They trenched many narrow trenches the length of the field

and laid in drainage pipe and backfilled the trench with sand. This will allow the water to drain quickly and prevent the standing water we had this past year. It was quite an operation with the trencher being laser controlled so that the drainage pipe is perfectly laid in so the water will not remain in the pipe, but empty out completely. This company (Pacific Sports Turf) has been putting in they

system on sports turf (field, golf courses, etc.) for nearly two decades, so LCEF has lots of confidence this will solve our drainage issues.

Additionally, the same company on our softball field is installing drainage. LCEF also has plans to install similar drainage pipe on the baseball field, but currently does not have the funds to get this work done this summer.

To say the least, we are so fortunate to have the level of support we have received from LCEF and in particular Josh Soske along with Walter Hansen and Staci Firl have continued their tireless campaign to see this work gets accomplished. Another huge THANK YOU to all involved!





• Old House on Bolen Road School Property – One of our projects that has not been on the RADAR screen of late is the old house building at the bottom of our Bolen Road property.

To address this issue, I had Rob look into the costs of getting this building removed. We looked at physical removal as well as the option of getting the fire department to burn it down. Without going into all the variables, I decided that removal was the most effective and efficient option. The first step was to get the structure tested for



asbestos (which it had a small amount in the flooring) and then to get that material removed safely. Then we contracted with the lowest bidder to have the building removed and the site cleaned up. It has been some time coming, but we will soon have the property all cleared of structures.

• LINX Graduation Ceremony – On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we had another graduate from our Linx program. Miles Campbell was accompanied by several family members in Ms. Patton's office for the ceremony, where Bob Taylor presented Miles his LINX diploma. Miles was very proud of his accomplishment, as he should be.

Congratulations Miles for your achieving your goal! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



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

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