

Superintendent's Report

May 20th, 2016

We Have a New (to us) Dump Truck – Our maintenance guys have been talking to me for years trying to convince me they needed a dump truck for grounds and maintenance. Just when I think they are wearing me down, we need a mower or tractor replaced so it makes it difficult to justify. Well, a few weeks ago we learned that the city was going to surplus a dump truck. Long

story short, after talking with Jeff Sarvis at Public Works, Mayor Thornton approved Jeff's request to donate the truck to us at no cost. Their only request was that if at some point in the future they might need it for something we would be able to share it back. I agreed and wrote a thank you that stated we have a long history of sharing equipment between the city and the district and we don't see the truck any differently. This is another example of the strength of our partnership. As you can see in the photo, the guys have already put the truck to use hauling off our old high jump pads (we are replacing them as they are not acceptable for track meets – yes we will soon be having real track meets).



Community Garden Update – The bid opening for the community garden was on May 18th. We had one bidder (Colf Construction). The bids were higher than we expected, and we're in the process of evaluating the proposal. Our hope is to make a decision shortly on what is the best route to take. One thing is for sure and that is Colf Construction does excellent work. More on this as we sort through things. FYI.

Fieldhouse/Grandstands Update – We are beginning the advertising for bids next week on the Fieldhouse/Grandstands project. This is going to be very exciting and has been a long time coming. The timeline is to give bidders until June 15th to submit their bids for the project, which is to do the site work and all the concrete for the fieldhouse. The steel structure and erection is all being donated through LCEF.

Track Project Update –

We will soon be putting the rubber surface on the track now that the weather is starting to dry out and get consistently warmer. The goal is to have this done before the fieldhouse work gets underway, which should not be too much of a problem. I wish we could have had our first home track meet this year, but it will just have to wait until the spring of 2017. The bright side is, that spectators will watch the first track meet under the cover of the grandstand cover☺



Transition Plan for New Superintendent – Dave was in the district on Monday (5/16) and Friday (5/20). Monday was spent working on budget and connecting with Home School Academy and Title/LAP services staff. Additionally, Dave worked with district administrators to discuss next year including safety training, administrative retreat and emergency drills. On Friday, Dave worked with an interview team to consider six applicants for the open superintendent's assistance position. I felt that Dave should be leading this process rather than me, so I asked him to run the search. Given all that Dave has on his plate, we need to be so thankful that he is willing and able to spend this time in district. It will go a long way for making a smooth transition.

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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