

Property/Transportation Committee Meeting – Regular Session – July 28, 2025

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair, Terry Larsen, Committee Members Katie Smith and Pamela Peterson

Others Present: District Administrator, Joshua Hetfeld, Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Director, Ruben Ruiz, and Middle School Principal, Ronald Stelson Jr.

Terry Larsen, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Middle School Locker Area Painting Proposal: Mr. Hetfeld and Mr. Stelson presented an image of a wall mural completed by Mrs. Wols and her summer school students in her classroom. Mr. Stelson proposed a similar project for the commons area across from the nurse's office, with the intent of bringing added color and visual interest to the space. In addition to viewing the image, all who were present toured the existing mural in person. During the visit, Mr. Stelson also highlighted additional efforts underway to make the Middle School environment more welcoming.

Mr. Stelson exited the meeting.

5-12 Building Tour

Mr. Hetfeld and Mr. Ruiz led the committee on a building tour to highlight several areas showing significant wear after more than 20 years of use—many of which are beyond repair.

One major area of concern is the flooring throughout the Middle/High School. The committee discussed various replacement options and considerations for selecting a suitable product for these spaces.

Auditorium seating was also reviewed. While the current seats remain structurally sound, they are noisy and visually outdated. The committee agreed that replacement is not an immediate priority.

Additionally, the condition of student lockers was discussed. While generally in acceptable condition, student safety—particularly in the High School—could be improved by installing shorter lockers. However, this was not identified as an urgent need at this time.

PK-4 Building Tour

The committee next toured the Elementary School, originally built in 1960.

Key areas of need were identified, including the gymnasium floor, which requires reconditioning, and the carpet in the Tiny Tiger room, which is due for replacement. New carpeting has recently been installed in several classrooms, including the 4th grade room, where the removal of a science table left a large gap. The updated flooring has enhanced the room's usable space.

The HVAC system is functional but would benefit from technical upgrades to improve efficiency and performance.

Elementary lockers will also require attention in the near future. While not an urgent issue, rust is forming on the bottom panels due to wet boots and snow gear.

Lastly, the warranty on the Elementary School roof has expired. The committee believes purchasing a new warranty would be a wise investment. Mr. Ruiz will gather pricing and warranty term information for review.

It was noted that LED lighting is gradually being installed throughout both buildings as part of an ongoing transition. In addition, building custodians have been working diligently to prepare the facilities for the upcoming school year. While many of the remaining tasks may seem minor, they are time-consuming and still require focused attention to ensure the buildings are fully ready for staff and students.

A tour of the rental property on Main Street was provided.

The committee decided to table the visit to the School Forest at this time.

Motion by Katie Smith/Terry Larsen to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Peterson

Property/Transportation Committee Member