



BACKGROUND

Business Services Committee

John Benbow, Jr., Chairman
Katherine Bielski-Medina, Member
Troy Bier, Member
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Note: Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Board Committee meetings were not held in May, 2020 and business normally conducted by the committees was taken up directly at the regular Board of Education meeting held on May 11, 2020.

May 11, 2020

LOCATION: Board of Education Conference Room A/B

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

I. Business Services

A. Elementary Computer Workstations Purchase – Approval

Several classroom computer workstations at Mead, Washington, and Woodside Elementary Schools need to be replaced due to age. A number of these computers are running Windows 7 and must be replaced due to potential security concerns as Windows 7 is no longer being supported by Microsoft.

The administration recommends approval of the proposed purchase of 100 HP EliteDesk 800 G1 refurbished computers from School Tech Supply at a cost of \$24,800.00 to be funded through the Technology Referendum budget.

II. Updates and Reports

A. Meals Provided During School Closure

The District has been providing meals to children under 18 in the community since the COVID-19 shutdown began. A summary of the meal services offered since the program launched can be found in "Attachment A."

B. Chromebook Purchase

The District has purchased 385 Chromebooks for the incoming freshman class at Lincoln High School. The purchase was made early in order to ensure we had Chromebooks available for our students in the fall. There is limited stock on Chromebooks and we did not want to find ourselves in a position to pay a high price in July due to shortages in Chromebook availability. The Chromebooks were purchased from PDS at a total cost of \$77,192.50. The purchase of these Chromebooks is being funded via the 2020-2021 budget.

C. FEMA Reimbursement for 2019 Storm Damage

The District sustained a great deal of damage to structures, fencing, and trees following the strong wind storm that occurred in our area on July 20, 2019. Thankfully, the District applied for and received federal disaster recovery money through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) office. The damage recovery funds applied for are categorized as follows on the FEMA project worksheet:

Category A - debris removal and clean up total: \$112,949.99

Category E - damages to fences and structures total: \$7,588.03

Category Z - administrative work time collecting and documenting losses total: \$6,026.91

Approximately 150 trees were lost, not counting trees located in wooded areas. Clean-up began the day after the storm occurred on Sunday, July 21, 2019, and approximately 25 crew members worked diligently to get things cleaned up. Additional clearing of trees and debris in wooded areas will continue into this summer.

Ed Allison, Director of Buildings & Grounds, met with an official from FEMA after our area was deemed a federal disaster. Since the WRPS clean-up occurred so quickly before FEMA was on-site to survey the damage, each tree lost needed to be pinpointed via GPS. An inordinate amount of paperwork related to federal and state forms was completed to meet the reimbursement requirements. A final meeting with FEMA officials occurred on May 4, 2020, and the final Category Z reimbursement will be received soon.

The grand total of all categories qualifying for FEMA reimbursement equals \$126,564.93.

III. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items of the Business Services Committee include, but are not limited to the following:

- Building Trades House Tour: 4430 20th Street South – June 1, 2020; 4:30 p.m.

Number of Meals Served During School Closure

Week of Meal Service	Lincoln High School		Delivered Meals		Mead Elementary		THINK Academy		District Wide	
	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch
March 16 - March 20	1370	1370	369	369	992	992	223	229	2954	2960
March 30 - April 3	1966	1966	766	766	909	909	262	279	3903	3920

Week of Meal Service	Lincoln High School		Delivered Meals		Mead Elementary		District Wide	
	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch
April 6 - April 10	2542	2542	997	997	1532	1532	5071	5071
April 13 - April 17	3183	3183	1317	1317	1704	1704	6204	6204
April 20 - April 24	4093	4093	1639	1639	1879	1879	7611	7611
April 27 - May 1	4093	4093	1907	1907	2173	2173	8173	8173

Total Breakfasts March 16 - May 1 =	33,916
Total Lunches, March 16 - May 1 =	33,939
Total Meals served 3/16 - 5/1	67,855

Summary of operations:

March 17th – March 20th and March 30th – April 3rd we served daily meals at Lincoln High School, Mead Elementary, THINK Academy and via delivery to homes.

Beginning April 6th, we transitioned to serving meal bags on Mondays and Thursdays with 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches in the Monday bags and 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches in the Thursday bags. We no longer serve at THINK Academy.

As you can see in the chart above, the numbers have continued to increase each week which helps to support our community and the School Nutrition Program. The transition from our normal operations to distributing grab and go meals presented many challenges at first but our creative and hardworking team came together and developed an effective system that is getting meals out to the children in our community. Last Friday, May 1st, we celebrated School Lunch Hero Day to celebrate our team’s hard work! Check out the photos on our Facebook page: Wisconsin Rapids School Nutrition Program.

If you have any questions about the meal service, please email me at elizabeth.messerli@wrps.net or call at 715-424-6703 ext 2.