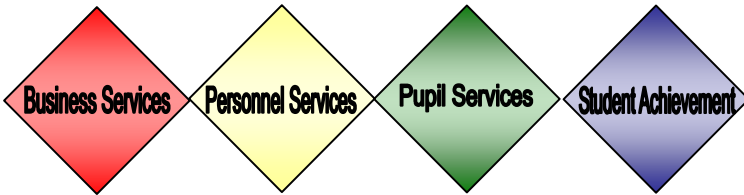


School District of New London



BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Bus Delivery

The six new busses that the Board approved for purchase in August 2010 will be delivered at the end of April. These busses are pre-ordered in advance because we obtain the best pricing by utilizing this process. By ordering early it allows the busses to be manufactured at non-peak production times that reduce the total cost of purchasing the units.



The last step for this delivery is to approve the capital lease. As a reminder, it is termed "capital lease" but we do not "lease" the busses, we own them at the conclusion of paying off the lease. The lease term is the tool to secure financing and not have a large payment at one time. The approval of these bids will be at the second April meeting.

Transportation Efficiency

Chief Schlueter, our Transportation Manager from Kobussen, and members of the Administrative Team, met on March 30 to evaluate if our current program is operating as efficiently as possible. There may be a possibility to reduce one or two routes, alter stop points, and modify some luxuries we have had in place. This process is necessary to operate a program that is both efficient and safe for our children. We will work on a communication process if there are recommended changes and bring ideas to the Board on a future date.

Lincoln Property

There is a third lot parallel to this property that is owned by the United Church of Christ. They would like to create a partnership with the District to convert all three lots into green space. Mr. Schulz and I met with Rev. Watling to discuss how this partnership would work. The District and the Church would split the cost proportional to what is owned by each party. Mr. Schulz and Rev. Watling would be sure to communicate when the property is being used and share the responsibility to keep the area safe and clean. I will



update the Board on this process as we move towards completion but it is a great relationship for both parties to maximize student benefit.

Focus on Energy

On March 29 Focus on Energy, WPPI and US Lamp spent the day reviewing utility usage. We also did a full walkthrough of the high school and middle school with Malcome Hathorne, Chuck Gorges and myself. This was "Step 1" of the process to evaluate our buildings.

We also compiled an initial summary of the average kilowatts and therms used by each building to see if we had a "glaring" outlier.

<u>Building</u>	<u>KwH per sq. ft.</u>	<u>Therms per sq. ft.</u>
High School	10.7	.43
Middle School	8.3	.43
Lincoln	4.3	.22
Parkview	8.2	.40
Readfield	4.5	.36
Sugar Bush	4.5	.38

What does this mean? Current state averages for schools use 5.4 KwH/sq. ft. and .47 Therms/sq. ft.

During the walkthrough Focus complimented how well our maintenance staff is utilizing the tools we have to make the buildings run as efficiently as possible. They also complimented the appearance and upkeep of the HS and MS – not related to the study but a great compliment to our custodial staff.

After completion of each walkthrough, Focus provides us with a narrative of "possible" changes. After all walkthroughs, I will supply the BOE with a complete summary and recommendations on how to incorporate any changes into a long-rang capital plan.

"Step 2" will be to visit the other buildings.

As a note, all of this study is "free" until we decide to implement any improvements.