

that assist with overdue lunch balances. We may not be able to ever recover all the overdue lunch fees from students, but the donations from community members assist greatly.

- d. Ohio Schools Facility Construction Commission: Approval was granted to submit an application which places the school district on the priority order of assistance list. There is a question as to whether there is any money available, or if there is, when it might be available. Without being on the list, the district has no way of knowing.

Note: District administrators made a visit to Canton South, a district which has completed building construction without the use of state funds. While there were areas that were value-engineered, construction costs were also \$60 per square foot less than what we have been quoted.

The CIS Committee met August 8 and has made a recommendation that even without state funding, they would like to proceed with plans to build a new school on a new site while maintaining O.J. Work Auditorium. Plans would include a sale of the existing site. Hopes are to have something in place for students by 2025.

- e. Job descriptions were approved for the new supplemental contracts (Chess Club, Drama Club, Science/STEM Club, CIS Band, CIS Choir, WMS Band, WMS Choir, Drama Dept. Chair, Lacrosse Head Coach, Lacrosse Reserve Coach, and a Strength and Conditioning Coach.

4. June 27 Special Board of Education Meeting Review

- a. Distribution of diplomas during graduation was discussed. It was decided that the high school principal will hand the diplomas to all graduates.
- b. Treasurer sought approval to close out fiscal year 2019, which ended close to projections. A new forecast/projection will be issued this fall.

5. July 8 Regular Stated Board of Education Meeting Review

- a. Announced carpentry house auction - house sold for \$178K. Money will be used to build the next house. In preparation for this year's construction, the Compact did work to find someone who was interested in building a house. They also spoke with Habitat for Humanity and local realtors about the possibility of teaming with someone to build the next house. Ultimately, the land was purchased, and the Compact will be completing the work on their own; the house will be auctioned upon completion.
- b. The Safe Routes to School grant project work began at Isham Elementary School in June. The work provides additional sidewalks near the school. The sidewalk on Wright Drive (one-way drive near Lyman/Main) will be widened and a RRFB system will be installed near the trailhead on Wright Drive.

- c. The administrative guideline review has been completed. Approximately 80 percent of the guidelines have been eliminated.
- 6. August 12 Regular Stated Board of Education Meeting Review
 - a. Agreement with team physicians and dentist approved.
- 7. August Dates:
 - a. August 20: Staff convocation
 - b. August 21: First student day
 - c. August 27: First student day for kindergarteners
- 8. September 9 Regular Stated Board of Education Meeting Review
 - a. Lincoln Elementary School was presented with the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA) Hall of Fame School Designation
 - b. The elementary student school placement process was discussed, and a decision was made to continue with the way it is currently being done.

Currently, all elementary students are returned to their home base school at the end of the school year. Staff assignments are made based on class size. Parents are permitted to submit intra-district open enrollment applications to have their student attend a building other than what is considered their home base school. Attempts are made to place as many students in their home base schools as possible while keeping class sizes balanced across the district.

Late registrants may find their students are not able to be placed in their home base school or that students from the same family are assigned to more than one elementary building. These students are placed on a waitlist should room become available. Of the students that were placed on the waitlist this year, 49 were able to be removed and 53 remain.

- 9. A special Board of Education meeting will be held on September 30. Agenda items will include the board members setting goals for themselves and evaluating their performance on the previous goals that had been set.
- 10. The house has been removed from the property purchased by the district on Grandview Avenue. The board will make a decision as to whether the parking lot work should be completed in asphalt or cement. The bid process will begin in January.
- 11. Wadsworth residents have received their updated property values from the auditor's office. Even though residents may see a 15 percent increase in property values, this equates to

about a 3½% increase in property taxes. In addition, as property values increase, state funding may decrease.

12. Legislative Report (Linda Kramer)

- a. One hot topic in the legislature now is the takeover bill. Discussions about ending the state's system for dealing with failing districts are under way.
- b. A second hot topic is the budget and funding and how much of the money is going to low income districts.

13. This year the district will be negotiating with both Unions, WEA (certified staff) and WESPA (classified staff).

14. The current strategic plan for the district will expire in 2020. Feedback will be sought from the community before the new plan is approved in December 2020.

15. Recent Alert Now call: It is important that the district notify the community when necessary, but we must be mindful not to create panic.

16. Around-the-Room

- a. The question was asked as to whether the district carries any of the "special" types of insurance coverage. Yes, our insurance includes coverage for cyber security, intrusion, active shooter, and terrorism.