

Business Office Update March 12, 2018 Meeting

Millburn Elementary Water Issues

- In response to the issues with the water at Millburn Elementary, the following measures are being taken
 - Sulfur related issues
 - Over Spring Break, we have scheduled to have the wellhead cleaned and serviced. They will remove the pump and equipment from the well. It will be cleaned, disinfected, and serviced.
 - We have already started flushing the “degasser unit” on a weekly instead of a monthly basis. The particulates in the water are removed during the treatment of the water and drop down to the bottom of the “degasser unit”. When we have a power outage, brownout, or heavy usage (e.g. after lunch), the water pressure increases after the event and churns the water and particulates. As a result, the water with sedimentation is released into the water system resulting in water that is, at times, gray in color.
 - Elemental Solutions was on-site on Friday, March 9, 2018 to examine the system. I anticipate receiving a proposal from them to add a filter to the water system to filter out sediment after treatment.
 - Lead related issues
 - Anderson Plumbing examined the fixtures and the fittings close to the areas where we had elevated lead levels when we had the water tested in late October. Even though it was illegal to install any lead fixtures, several fixtures and fittings were found to be suspect.
 - Parts have been ordered to replace these suspect parts. Once these have been installed, we will retest to see if the replacements reduce our lead levels as I anticipate they will.

Coop 90's Insurance Update

- Catherine Loney from GCG went back to Blue Cross regarding the HMO renewal. As a result, Blue Cross agreed to a 0% increase for the HMO renewal for Coop 90's instead of the 2.4% increase they initially proposed.
- The Open Enrollment period for Millburn District 24 will begin on April 24, 2018 through March 15, 2018.
- Katherine Loney from GCG will be in the district on Friday, April 27, 2018 to answer staff questions.

Architect of Record

- We are nearing the conclusion of the Architect of Record Search.
- I have been able to negotiate a contract with Wold-Ruck-Pate Architects.
- At the March 19 Board meeting, Dr. Lind and I will recommend that the Board approve the Architect Agreement and name Wold-Ruck Pate Architects

Activities

- March 7, 2018 - I participated in a webinar that reviewed the new site-level reporting that is required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- March 9, 2018 – I attended the Northeastern IASBO meeting in Buffalo Grove. The topic of the presentation was current trends in school construction and renovation.