

## Superintendent's Report: September 2024

Highlight of the Month: The completion of the paving of our driveway, playground and middle school walkway which greatly improves the safety of our grounds for our students, staff and families. The paving of the driveway and playground has been a personal goal and a part of our long term facility plan. A special thanks to P. Willis Construction for their flexibility and willingness to work around our school schedule needs. Thanks also to Deb Richards for her efforts in obtaining a grant which covered the cost of paving the driveway and the playground.

### News and Notes

#### Educational Leadership:

- Charlie Kernan and I continue to work with French River to insure the provision of the necessary Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy services for our students.
- I am working with other Superintendents to reply to the State's review of our plan to attract diversified staff.

#### Facilities:

- We contracted with P. Willis Construction to pave the middle school walkway for \$4,250. A special thanks to Deb Richards and the Public Works team for saving us the cost of disposing of the concrete.
- We received an estimate of \$8,720 to replace the dehumidifier. We have reached out to Stafford Mechanical to obtain another estimate.
- Mystic Air completed our asbestos assessment and now needs to provide training to our custodial staff.
- We continue to work on the additional one-year and five-year reports.

#### Communication and Collaboration:

- Deb Richards and I continue to meet regularly to discuss ongoing budgetary and facility needs and/or issues.
- The audit of the 2023-24 budget will begin in October. The Town is continuing to contract with Stephen Hopkins for this service.

#### Finance:

- We will provide, for your review, a packet of information we received in response to our request for program information and costs from E.O Smith, Putnam, Woodstock Academy and Killingly. Our current contract with WA ends in 2027. We can discuss your thoughts as to desired next steps at our October meeting, e.g. presentations from school representatives. EastConn transportation staff has promised to provide a report on comparative transportation costs by Tuesday, 9/10.
- EastConn has also promised an update as to their decision and costs regarding school transportation for next year.
- We are currently contracting with the Scotland School District to provide our general music instructor. This is reflected in our transfer request from the salary regular programs to purchased services certified position.
- We will be contracting with French River for Speech and Language services this year, which will result in a request for a transfer of funds from the Salary, Speech/Language line to the Purchased Services, Speech, SE line

Comments on agenda items:

Given our new business only includes the approval of application for the Title IV grant, there is no need for comment on the agenda. If there are any questions regarding any items mentioned in the administrative reports and/or financial documents please, if possible, send your questions or concerns in advance of the meeting so we can be prepared to discuss them.

At this time, we will be requesting the BOE to approve the following recommended transfers:

\$34,282.40 from Salary, Teachers Regular Programs (100.1000.1.111.00.5) to Purchased Service, Certified Position (100.1000.1.330.00.5)

\$3,979.24 from Salary, Speech/Language (100.2150.3.111.00.5) to Purchased Service, Certified Position (100.1000.1.330.00.5)

\$48,839.76 from Salary, Speech/Language (100.2150.3.111.00.5) to Purchased Services, Speech, SE (100.2150.3.323.00.5)

\$553.48 from Insurances, Cyber Liability (100.2310.1.522.00.5) to Insurances, Property (100.2500.1.520.00.5)

\$553.52 from Insurances, Cyber Liability (100.2310.1.522.00.5) to Insurances, Liability (100.2310.1.521.00.5)

\$990.00 from Equipment, Media (100.2220.1.731.00.5) to Equipment, Instructional, SE (100.1200.3.731.00.5)