MAQUOKETA VALLEY FACILITY UPDATE

Maquoketa Valley Community,

I want to provide you an update on the facility plans that are taking place at Maquoketa Valley.

Football Field Bleachers, Press Box, & Concession Stand Patio

The largest project is the replacement of the bleachers on the football field. When we have projects that exceed \$196,000, we must legally have an architect create the detailed plans for us to seek competitive bids. We are using the services of OPN to help us with this project.

We had discussions with the architect to see if there was any way to save and reuse any of our main bleachers or press box. Once we start renovating any of these areas, all aspects of the project must be ADA compliant. The bleachers and press box met ADA regulations when they were installed, but do not meet current regulations. It is too expensive to try to keep any of our current bleacher structures and bring them up to code.

The estimate for a new set of bleachers, press box, and expansion of the current concession stand patio area is \$463,000 plus a \$92,600 contingency. The goal is to have bidding documents approved by the end February. We would love to complete this project this summer but I am not sure if we will have vendors that will be able to provide all the supplies necessary in this time frame. If we cannot complete this work this summer, hopefully it can be done in the fall. We will know more when we start getting bids back from vendors.

Earlville Preschool Playground

Another project we are planning is the preschool playground in Earlville. The goal is to move the current piece of equipment to the north playground and get a new piece of equipment that is age appropriate and can hold the larger number of preschool students using that space. A new playground surface will need to be installed and a larger area for the playground equipment will be created. We will be finalizing designs and getting bids on that project this spring.

Earlyille Furnace Boilers

The furnace boiler at Earlville is in need of replacement. We purchased and have delivered the two new boilers for that building. Hopefully, the old boilers will last through the winter and then we can have the new boilers installed this summer.

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Security System

We are very interested in updating and expanding our security cameras at all three buildings. We also want to create electronic key locks on all exterior doors in each building. A plan has been created to accomplish this work. The estimated cost to upgrade our security cameras and door locks is \$225,000. The state of lowa has created a safety grant and Maquoketa Valley is able to get \$250,000 to be used for this project. Any funds spent before the grant is approved are not eligible for the grant, so we must wait for approval before any of these purchases can be made. I hope we can get the information we need to complete the grant soon and are able to complete this project this summer.

Baseball, Softball, & Little League Diamond Areas

The Maquoketa Valley Athletic Boosters and Delhi Little League have partnered with Maquoketa Valley Schools to investigate ways to make our baseball, softball, and little league diamonds safer. Currently, many foul balls make their way from the baseball and softball diamonds into the other fields creating an unsafe situation. We have decided to install 30' tall fences around the backstop of the baseball, softball, and little league diamonds in an effort to keep many more foul balls, especially the line drives in the field of play. The MV Athletic Boosters has committed \$30,000 and Delhi Little League \$20,000 toward this project. The school district will commit the remaining \$40,000 balance.

High School Parking Lot

The final project we would like to complete this summer is to blacktop the parking lot across the street to the north of the high school. There are currently railroad ties that have deteriorated in the gravel lot. It is difficult, especially in the winter to effectively park in this lot. We want to blacktop this lot and paint stripes to create a safer and more organized parking lot. The estimate for this project is \$40,000.

As you can see, we have numerous projects in the planning stage. We will continue with the regular maintenance projects such as carpeting and painting the elementary classrooms and tuckpointing the building at Hopkinton and Delhi. I will keep you posted on the status of these projects throughout the spring and summer.

Thanks,
Dave Hoeger
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