

WEEK-IN-REVIEW

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Mark Egger, Nancy Mair and Pam Gehin completed the interviews for the vacant custodian position in the 1-8 Elementary School. They will present their top candidate to the Board at the August 8th Board Meeting.

Ron Garrison and his Supervisor, Rob Brown, have asked to meet with me on Friday, August 12th to propose some options for receiving lower bids from the General Contractors. Mark Egger will not be available to meet with us but Nancy Mair will attend and I will ask Mark if he would recommend a member of the custodial staff to attend as well. Ron and Rob Brown have a meeting in the Brodhead School District on Friday the 12th of August so their schedule makes this meeting possible.

Nancy Mair and I met with Courtney Hoffmann on Thursday, August 4th to address the contract between the Kids First Preschool & Child Care and the School District for housing the 4-K program. There will be a morning and an afternoon 4-K session in the Kids First facility during the 2011-12 school year.

I believe you receive the *SCHOOL NEWS* publication issued monthly by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). The August issue has a timely article titled *Put It In Black and White*. The article focuses on Employee Handbooks and emphasizes the importance communicating in writing the clear expectations the Board of Education has for the staff. The relationship between management and labor has been modified significantly with the enactment of Wisconsin Act 10 (public sector bargaining bill). I will have copies of this article at the August 8th Board Meeting.

Craig Hubbell, from the WASB Legal Staff, indicated that the Board of Education has the legal authority to sell the Dekorra School Building and site to the town of Dekorra without soliciting additional bids. He did suggest that the Board might consider additional bids if it believed that the fair market price was not being offered.

The timed agenda for the Monday, August 8th Board Meet has not be published or posted. The Board and Administration are the only people with this timed agenda.

I have rented a cottage on Tipperary Point on Lake Wisconsin as of this morning. I hope to move into the cottage on Monday, August 8th.