

HOS Report
4/20/23

LAST MONTH

SAM Entity Renewal

SAM renewal (annual) is complete. This is required for any federal grants. We receive the REAP grant each year, the application for which was completed/submitted in late February. Travis at BerganKDV is the secondary contact. The REAP application has been submitted as well.

E Learning Days

Please see the MDE doc in the folder for the details. If WAPS moves to this, we will have to follow suit (they are not discussing the addition of E learning days at this time, but there is pending legislation that may change that. We can offer E days without WAPS doing so, but do we want to? In person instruction is so much more effective, particularly with Bluffview's format and approach. Open for discussion. As you will see, it would require Board and Teacher approval. There is no submission timeline or requirement to the state. Just parent notification rules.

Make up/snow days

I am not aware of a confirmed plan yet for making up snow days this year. I will communicate with WAPS after their next Board meeting (2/23) if it is still unclear.

One concern is that the VOA annual conference in Bemidji begins on 6/12, which is the final staff day as currently projected (not official). I will have to miss that day at school as we are expected to have at least one representative go to the conference. Any Board members interested? We have 2 hotel rooms included as part of the VOA contract.

Garage project

This will be moving forward soon. We rented a storage unit to empty and remove the green shed, before 3/21 date below. At that meeting, the B&G Committee will attend the opening of the bids, and the 3 BMS Building Corp members will vote to accept a bid.

I requested that liquidated damages be included in the contract-that is why there is a substantial completion date and closeout date below-we must have this wrapped up by the end

of our fiscal year. The Bond service ratio is the dictating factor here, as it would potentially prevent us from other options in the coming fiscal year.

Several contractors did attend the Pre-bid meeting.

Bid release: 2/27/2023

Pre Bid Meeting: 3/3/2023 @ 10:00am

Bld Date: 3/21/2023 @ 2:00 pm

Substantial Completion: 5/26/2023

Project Closeout: 6/30/2023

Cruz-Guzman case

This case could end charter schools, school choice. See the slideshow in the folder. The case will be heard on May 2 as currently planned-in an unusual move, the hearing will be in a school.

Feed My Starving Children

Bluffview has a team attending the event on April 1. It is a mixed team of Bluffview staff and families. This is part of our service learning plan, so I tried to get a somewhat even mix of staff, parents, and students.

Governance

The Call for Nominations was sent out in a Google Form through the RSS feed. No replies/responses so far. Will send out an "allschool" email Friday to solicit nominations. Nominations are due by 3:00 on March 24th.

AMS Conference

*Anna and Josh are in Boston for the AMS Conference:
<https://amshq.org/Blog/2022-09-30-TME-All-About-Boston>*

ESSER/GEER survey data

Each year, the federal government required MDE to report the usage of ESSER/GEER monies. In the folder is that data for FY22'.

FIN 163/summer school

This fund was recently extended through September (originally terminated in June), so we are able to have one more summer of school that is funded through federal dollars (\$12,233.79). We have plenty remaining in FIN 161 to cover any overages should they occur. An initial planning meeting has been offered to teaching staff for tomorrow.

Hiawatha Education Foundation (HEF)

Quarterly grant (spring) and annual report submitted 3/15/23.

Insurance

I met with WAGroup representative today and have started working on the school insurance for next year, reviewing enrollment, employment, property values, etc. More to come on this as we work through the details.

Financial Management company

Our contract with BerganKDV expires this year-I would like to have a discussion about this, be it with the full Board next month or a sub group of 3 members or less. I have their proposal for a new 3 year contract, and received one of the other 2 competing bids that I asked for. The second additional bid relayed to me on Tuesday that they could not provide one, or take on another school due to staffing.