

**Rochester School
School Board Meeting
August 17, 2010
Principal's Report**

Guidance Counselor: Interviewed 5 candidates, chose 2 to take to Supt with one being my 1st choice. JP choose one to bring to you: **Scott O'Hearn**.

Kim Potter (F& CS) and **Jen Turk** (HS English) have been busy cleaning and arranging their classroom and revamping their curriculums.

Athletic Director – Jeff Mills has been hired. He has set up a very nice Facebook page for Rochester Athletics. There will be a fund raiser sponsored by Ford Automobiles at our school on Aug. 28th –most likely the money will go to the Booster Club. All coaches, except for middle school boy's soccer have been hired.

Pay Phones – We have (had) two pay phones in our school, one in the elementary building, one in the high school. I discovered that we pay for one of them \$75 a month and get the other free. I asked the Fairpoint to get rid of the one we pay for and keep the free one. Then I asked to keep the free one in the elementary school. They only want to keep the one in the high school. We will keep bothering them until we get the free one in the elementary school.

Neighbor complaint – a neighbor has requested that we turn off our lights that illuminate our parking lot by our buses. I explained that we wouldn't be able to "turn them off" because of safety reasons, but would have Tim D. look into what could be done to reduce the amount of glare. I have attached Tim's write up.

Questions for you.

- 1) We did discover that we could replace the current lights with new beta parking light led which is light pollution friendly. Each light costs \$699, but are eligible for a \$300 rebate from Efficiency VT. This light only uses 40 leds and is equivalent to the 400 mh we currently have (lots less energy). These lights have between 96,000 and 153,000 hours depending on the driver setting we want. We have 6 lights so that would be around \$2,400 and maybe \$1000 to install, so 6 lamps at 10% of original energy = how long before payback? We have no money in the budget for this.
- 2) Should I write the homeowner a letter telling him.....?

Air conditioning

We have (used to have) AC in the main office. It has been repaired a number of times. It stopped working in early July. To fix it again will be \$2,636 – we don't have it budgeted. I would rather not fix it.

Computer News

We have 20 new computers for the m/hs lab, and we have upgraded our elementary lab. John Gallo, Andy West and I had a lengthy discussion about laptops vs desk tops, and we went with desk tops.

We need to look at the new Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy and accept it if so desired. Our old Acceptable Use Policy is out of date - John Gallo has written a new policy. It is attached. If we ok it tonight we can put the new one in our handbook for the 1st day of school package.

John has also drafted *WNWSU Web Publishing Guidelines* – this may need to be looked at by the SU Board, but I wanted you to see it as it will be our guideline.

Truancy Policy

We need to ok the State required Countywide Truancy Policy. You should also choose a Truant Officer.

Rochester School Crisis Protocol

Should we relook at our 2004-2005 School Crisis Protocol? Set up a committee?

General information for you

I have a graph with the numbers of students enrolled in our school vs the number that are enrolled but attend a different program.

I have also done a Student Projection that we can look at.

The maintenance staff has done a nice job with our school. I have written the Suzuki program and asked if they could do their camp at the end of June which would make our summer clean-up a lot easier. I will keep you informed.