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As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our School Board and I developed three priorities (in order of importance) nearly five years ago. They were: 1) Updating Curriculum, 2) Bringing Technology to Students, and 3) Upgrading Facilities.

In short, we replaced all of our outdated textbooks and purchased several new software programs to increase student learning. We instructed teachers in the use of Google Classroom, built our Wi-Fi infrastructure by adding access points to every classroom, and acquired iPads and chromebooks for all grades PK-12.

Regarding facilities, we installed new LED lighting, replaced the badly leaking Lemke Gym roof and then used insurance funds to replace the metal roofs on both the elementary and secondary school buildings. The elementary school just had the last HVAC unit installed and the HS/JH building will soon have all new HVAC in the classrooms. These improvements are just part of a much larger list of accomplishments that didn't cost our taxpayers any money.

We are now asking for your help to complete other much needed projects. On April 5th, we will be asking patrons to vote on two bond issues. The first is for school improvements. The center of our Junior High and High School is the original school building built in 1924. It was added on to in 1962. The Elementary building was also built in 1962.

We still have the same flooring and ceilings from 1962. The flooring also has asbestos in it. Our district is using current funds to replace the ceiling tiles in the classrooms. However, we cannot afford to replace all of the flooring in the classrooms, hallways and cafeterias. We would also like to replace the ceiling tiles in the hallways. Our students deserve to be in updated facilities of which they can be proud.

Our buildings are also in desperate need of security systems. These systems would have automatic locking doors, and cameras at the entrances, hallways and parking lots. This system would provide safety for our greatest treasure—our students.

The second bond issue is for new buses. We have four route buses which need to be replaced. The age of each bus is 28, 22, 19 and 10 years old, respectively. It is quite a chore to keep these old buses on the road. New buses would be more fuel efficient, more comfortable and most importantly—safer for our students.

Additionally, we need a pickup for vocational agriculture and a minibus. It is very difficult for people to pass the current federal drivers test to drive a bus. The minibus would only require a chauffeur's license in order to drive. We also have many groups like the academic team or music groups which could take it instead of a large bus or using two suburbans.

If there are any funds leftover, they would be dedicated to additional improvements such as purchasing new desks and chairs, window blinds, playground equipment or replacing football bleachers.

The school improvement bond is for \$1,000,000 and the transportation bond is for \$500,000. I have attached a chart which will let property owners determine their taxes. As an example, if your property tax bill was \$500 last December, you would pay an additional \$12.32 per year which is \$1.03 per month. The bond issues are for ten years and the amounts on the chart show the highest rates for the first year. The amounts will go steadily down over the next nine years.

I hope that you will agree that we have tried to spend our funds wisely and take care of needed priorities for students in our district. We are now in need of your help. Please vote on Tuesday, April 5th.

Respectfully,

Larry R. Johnson, Superintendent

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Home of the Eagles

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\$1,000,000 Building Bonds

\$500,000 Transportation Equipment Bonds

April 5, 2022

Tax Impact

<i>If your taxes were....</i>		<i>Your new taxes would be.....</i>		
Previous		First Year's Tax Impact		
Tax		Tax	Annual	Monthly
Amount		Amount	Increase	Increase
\$25.00	.....	\$25.62	\$0.62	\$0.05
\$50.00	.....	\$51.23	\$1.23	\$0.10
\$75.00	.....	\$76.85	\$1.85	\$0.15
\$100.00	.....	\$102.46	\$2.46	\$0.21
\$200.00	.....	\$204.93	\$4.93	\$0.41
\$300.00	.....	\$307.39	\$7.39	\$0.62
\$400.00	.....	\$409.86	\$9.86	\$0.82
\$500.00	.....	\$512.32	\$12.32	\$1.03
\$600.00	.....	\$614.79	\$14.79	\$1.23
\$700.00	.....	\$717.25	\$17.25	\$1.44
\$800.00	.....	\$819.71	\$19.71	\$1.64
\$900.00	.....	\$922.18	\$22.18	\$1.85
\$1,000.00	.....	\$1,024.64	\$24.64	\$2.05