

Superintendent Report December 18, 2017 Board of Education Meeting

First semester will be over very soon. Half way through the school year. It moves so fast and when we are working hard to educate our students, we never see the time fly by. Soon it will be state testing time and all the spring activities will begin before we realize it.

KESA (district accreditation) is moving along. We are in the data gathering mode for each building. This spring we will have our outside validation team meet with us to discuss our progress. Once this is complete we will report to the Board their findings and also our progress.

We continue to work on the safety of our students and staff. The door locks and cameras have been very nice and are working as expected. I have been working with Ransom Memorial, Wellsville Police, Fire and Franklin County Sheriff's office to prepare a table top exercise for our staff in April. This simulation will be for staff and will be some type of intruder simulation. We have decided to do this on an in-service day to get our teachers the training needed before we include students. I believe a school needs to practice intruder drills just like we do fire drills, but training our staff is very important.

In January the Commissioner of Education from Kansas will be visiting us in January. He is making the rounds to visit all the districts within two years. We will be excited to have Dr. Watson in our district for a short visit.

The state of Kansas was awarded a Striving Readers grant that we can become a part of through Greenbush. We have let Greenbush know we are interested. We cannot apply for the grant ourselves since our population is lower than the approved amount specified in the grant. We will be able to work with Greenbush for these services once they become available.

As we move into the second semester, we will be faced with the upcoming school year and how to meet the needs of our students. We will be mainly looking at staffing needs and reacting to the Legislative decisions that will be coming soon from Topeka.