



Superintendent Action Report & Answered Board Questions

Answers from the May 31, 2017 Board Meeting

At SCCS public board meetings, questions are asked by the public or by board members themselves. These questions will seek to be answered immediately if possible. In the event that the answer is not known, or requires additional information, the answers will be found and released in this document with the next board meeting agenda. This provides a public document which allows people to hear the answers to the questions that come to the board or superintendent.

Mrs. Ahearne asked: “Are the summer activities at Dieck open to all our students or just the Dieck students?”

Answer:

The summer activities and Summer STEM Camps are currently for Dieck students only. This is due primarily for two main reasons. First, the capacity and space that Dieck has could not accommodate all students in the district who may want to participate. Mr. Fuller is thinking about how we may expand opportunities to other students. However, the second reason is because Dieck is a Title I funded building and they are using these funds to offer this program to their students. This summer, we are looking into the process involved in bringing some of our other elementary schools into the Title I category. There are requirements and stipulations that must be met, and currently Dieck and Elms are our only two buildings qualified officially as Title I. I do believe that two of our elementary schools (Morrish and Syring) also meet the requirements and could qualify for Title I funding which could help provide more opportunities like this in the future. This is a pilot, so we are seeing how it goes and what the response is this year.

Mr. Engel asked: “Is there another building (other than Elms) that we could look to for future renovation if we have to spend down the cafeteria funds?”

Answer:

Yes. Dieck Elementary is the next building that could use new equipment and renovation. While their equipment is still up to appropriate standards, they would be the next building kitchen that would need attention. The money in the cafeteria fund is not general fund dollars, and it cannot be spent as such. The State of Michigan wants to ensure that districts do not use cafeteria funds to offset general fund expenditures which is why we have to keep the spending at a reasonable threshold and not have our fund balance increase to a high level. It is for this reason that we are doing the Elms Road kitchen and as we look at our fund, our next project would likely be Dieck Elementary School.