

**Operations Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday - August 25, 2022**  
**2:30 p.m. - District Office**

**Attendees:** Nicole Green, Mari Myren, Dan Brookens, Tyler Garrison, Andy Traetow

**1. Vocational Building Update**

Initial walk through analysis of the project has been completed by the construction management team (Kraus-Andersen) and the engineering group (ISG). An additional inspection will take place on 8/30/22 for provisional clearance to use the building. The curb, gutter, and blacktop will be completed by 9/2/22. The district has worked to ensure on site-supervision in the final stages of the project and has promoted a sense of urgency as the school year approaches.

**2. Vocational Building Ribbon Cutting & Open House**

A tentative date for a soft opening of the new building for teachers, board members, donors, and vocational advisory teams is scheduled on 9/13/22 following the school board meeting. A ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively planned for 10/11/22 following the school board meeting to be held in the new building.

**3. School & Athletic Portraits**

The committee discussed current service provided for school pictures and athletic portraits. School pictures are currently contracted with Strawbridge Studios and athletic portraits and provided by Seifried Portrait Studio. Consideration of both contracts will be given at the culmination of each agreement.

**4. Partnership Agreements**

Superintendent Traetow provided an update on developments regarding partnership agreements with local businesses. Two such agreements are in place for the upcoming school with plans to expand this initiative in the future.

**5. Ideal Energies Solar Project Update**

We are continuing to work with Ideal Energies regarding the details of this project. The MN Department of Commerce added additional requirements of the company, adding to the timeline of this process. The City of Fairmont Public Municipality is currently in communication with Ideal Energies in consideration of moving forward with the project.

**6. Proposal for Gymnasium Entrance - ISG**

Tyler Garrison, Dir. of Buildings & Grounds, discussed initial plans for replacement of the steps at the Jr.-Sr. High School gymnasium entrances. This work will be completed summer of 2023.

**7. Science Classroom Remodel Project**







