

According to the newspaper and schoolboard minutes, this (or portions of it) was read at the May schoolboard meeting some time after the Public Comment time was over, though it was not included in the agenda. Please go on to read "AACFP Response", the next document on our website.

### **Board Meeting Response to "Call The Sheriff" Flier**

As much of our community knows, recently a flier went out to our patrons alleging that damages done to the Alta Central Office Building were done intentionally. Since my initial response to the flier had to go out quickly to our patrons to meet these accusations immediately, I didn't have a chance to bring clarity and transparency to a couple of the points of this theory. Thus, I would like to take a bit of time tonight to do so, and will make it quite short and simple. I do want to say that the reason I am making one final statement in response to the "Call The Sheriff" flier is for the purpose of reassuring confidence for our patrons in our school board and administrative team, and to hopefully restore damages done to our district and communities due to the content of this flier.

The "Call The Sheriff" flier states on July 31, 2023 the state boiler inspection report listed that "Repair/Replace of the affected tubes should be done as soon as possible", and this is true. Invoice documentation from Control Systems of Alta shows that on September 7 and 8th, 2023, this repair work on tubes of the boiler was done by Hildreth Co. assisted by Control Systems. Following this work, the boiler did pass boiler inspection and a certificate from the state was issued to the district. Documentation of both of these events was shared in the records request to this small group that has labeled themselves "Alta-Aurelia Citizens for Progress". Neither this invoice information on the boiler tube work or the state certificate were included in the "Call The Sheriff" flier.

Likewise invoices, that were also shared through the records request, showed work had been done on this boiler and boiler system on the following dates:

October 23 Control Systems Specialists (CSS)  
October 24 (CSS)  
October 31 (CSS)  
November 3 (CSS)  
December 7 (CSS)  
December 11 MTC Mechanical of Sioux City  
December 29 (CSS)

Also, on December 22, 2023 the district made contact with Rasmussen Mechanical pertaining to more boiler problems, and a request for repair was made as the boiler was continuing to fail. Continued communication occurred with Rasmussen on December 27, December 29, and ongoing. The theory proposed in the flier that the district waited until there were negative temperatures to ask for this work to be done doesn't calculate as negative temperatures didn't occur until 23 days after this initial request for work—December 22, 2023 was the request and January 13, 2024 was the first day of negative temperatures. Likewise, Control Systems did document on the invoice dated December 29, 2023 for the district to request the work to be done, which was 7 days after the initial contact was made with Rasmussen's Mechanical.

All of the these documents and details have been shared and are in the hands of the BV County Sheriff's Department.

Continued work has likewise been performed by Rasmussen Mechanical in the later part of February to the boiler. The fact is that this is a very old boiler and boiler system, and the district has battled as best as possible to keep it going.

I could go into long details responding to all the other documented events of the allegations of the flier, but that would be petty as these facts of the boiler work cannot be disputed. These facts stand on their own to show there was no intent of harm to the building nor neglect of the boiler.

For the school district, school programs that were impacted, and the other entities that were utilizing the building, this was an extremely unfortunate situation that we wish wouldn't have happened. The Alta Central Office Building has seen thousands of students educated in it, and millions of memories have been made in that building. That is to be respected and honored.

As always and moving forward, district leadership has the responsibility of evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of all resources, including buildings, for the purpose of educating Alta-Aurelia students, and for the progress of the school district. That will be a continued focus for this administrative team and this board.

I look forward to this information being presented in our local newspapers so as to set the record straight for our Alta-Aurelia citizens who are not present this evening.