

Vandalism at school targeted

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A recent spate of vandalism at Kaegebein Elementary School has caught the attention of leaders in the Grand Island School District.

Monday, Superintendent Robert Christmann told the School Board that actions are being taken to alleviate destructive events that largely involve unwanted gatherings. Cameras were recently installed, and extra evening staffing was put in place, he said.

“There are too many times, regretfully, that our staff [members] have to pick up beer bottles and other paraphernalia that have no business on school grounds,” he said.

Anyone who sees suspicious activity taking place around the school is asked to call the police, Christmann said.

Also Monday, board President Dave Goris said that the capital project committee, which meets weekly, will begin discussing what improvements it feels the community can handle financially.

Christmann has said the project can carry a price tag of up to about \$52 million without placing any extra burden on taxpayers, given state reimbursements and existing district funds. The committee has been asked to present its ideas by October.

Christmann issued a reminder that there will only be one late bus run per day this coming school year. Due to budget constraints, the district reduced that number from the

traditional three of years past. He said that there might be some push back when the school year begins from those affected by the transportation reduction, particularly from people involved in athletics due to the shorter practices that may have to be held in order to release students on time.