

BOARD BRIEFS

March 7, 2022

Student Recognitions

The board recognized the following programs, their coaches and participants for their post season success:

Boys Swimming and Diving
Boys and Girls Wrestling
Boys and Girls Bowling
Scholars Bowl

All of these students and coaches represented Buhler well during their seasons.

Approval of Minutes

As recommended the board approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 7, 2022.

Approval of Building Financials

As recommended the board approved the financial reports from each building.

Resignation of Licensed Staff

As recommended the board accepted the resignation of the following licensed staff:

- i) Morgan Starkweather, 2nd grade teacher at PCE.
- ii) Sam Pahls, PE teacher at PHMS and BHS.
- iii) Jessica Shank, vocal music teacher at UV.
- iv) Angela McDonald, 2nd grade teacher at UV.

Resignation of Classified Staff

As recommended the board accepted the resignation of the following classified staff:

- i) Linda Neher, CARES Club aide at PCE.
- ii) Renee Cubbage, main dish cook at PCE.
- iii) Julie Kottwitz, evening custodian at PCE.

Resignation of Supplemental Staff

As recommended the board accepted the resignation of the following supplemental staff:

- i) Sam Pahls, assistant girls golf, assistant boys golf, assistant girl basketball and girls summer strength and conditioning at BHS.

- ii) Mike Juby, head wrestling coach at BHS
- iii) Robin Blasi, head assistant wrestling coach at BHS

Employment of Licensed Staff

As recommended the Board approved the employment of the following licensed staff:

- i) Sheldon Patton, assistant principal at BHS.
- ii) James Gazaway, science teacher at BHS.
- iii) Hannah Neufeld, science teacher at PHMS.

Employment of Classified Staff

As recommended the board approved the employment of the following classified staff:

- i) Chris Cooper, evening custodian at PHMS.
- ii) Shane LeBeau, evening custodian at PCE.

Employment of Supplemental Staff

As recommended the board approved the employment of the following supplemental staff:

- i) Grace Milburn, colorguard instructor at BHS.
- ii) Skip Wilson, head golf coach at PHMS.
- iii) Lindsay Wray, colorguard instructor and choreographer at BHS.
- iv) Amaleigh Mattison, ½ time assistant soccer coach at PHMS.
- v) Conan Shinn, ESOL Coordinator at BHS.

Gifts and Grants

As recommended the board accepted the following gifts and grants:

- i) \$1,500 to UV from the John R. and Bethene S. Rimmer Fund for Early Childhood Education and Enrichment
- ii) \$2514 to BHS wrestling from Kathy and Mike Juby Donor Advised Fund of the Hutchinson Community Foundation.
- iii) \$150 to BHS apparel class from Karla Starkey.

Memorandum of Understanding - Trinity High School

As recommended the board approved the memorandum of understanding with Trinity High School for use of our track facilities at PHMS.

Memorandum of Understanding - Parents as Teachers

As recommended the board approved the memorandum of understanding with USD 308 Parents as Teachers program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ad Astra Academies Proposal

Erica Shook, Ad Astra Virtual Academy director shared a proposal to open an alternative school for USD 313 students. In this proposal it would combine the Ad Astra Virtual Academy and the Alternative school under one name, Ad Astra Virtual Academies. The alternative school would be for students who are not successful in a traditional school setting and yet need to have the accountability of in-person learning.

The board approved for the district to apply to the state to open the alternative academy.

PDC Report

As recommended the board approved the points for those who attended and reflected on the November professional learning day as well as points for Patty Gould.

Designated Make-up Day

As recommended the board approved May 20, 2022 as the designated make-up day IF this becomes necessary to meet our required hours by KSDE.

Technology Proposal

As recommended the board approved the proposal to adopt new 1:1 student technology. iPads were approved for Kindergarten through 2nd grade and Dell Chromebooks for BHS.

Real Estate - Cost for Sale of Obee

As recommended the board approved the district to split the cost of a land release report necessary to finalize the sale of Obee. The cost will be split in thirds with the City of Hutchinson, and the buyer. The district will pay 2/3rds now and the buyer will pay their third at the closing of the sale.

Discussion of Real Estate Acquisition

The district is investigating a possible trade in building with Gregory, Inc. Mrs. Couchman shared information with the board regarding this possibility. In 2017 the district purchased the Gregory warehouse that is now our USD 313 Service Center. Gregory proposed trading buildings with an additional cost of \$300,000.

Real Estate - Approval of Architect Quote

As recommended the board approved the quote from Plan 4 Architecture Design to draw plans for the Gregory Building. The plans will also include drawings for a possible remodel of existing warehouse and office space which will provide the Board information on cost and feasibility when comparing options.

Executive Session - Personnel

The board met in executive session for personnel issues.

Building Leadership Position

The board accepted the resignation of Kenda Ropp as 5th grade teacher at Union Valley and approved her hire as the UV building leader. She submitted her plan of study to complete her Educational Leadership degree in May of 2023.

Approval of Draft Calendars

As recommended the board approved the draft calendars for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. These are drafts only and will go to the IBB team for negotiations.

Comments

- The district had six families (5 families with students and one staff member) who experienced complete loss in the fires on Saturday. Thank you to Cindy Couchman for her leadership as we navigate through this tragedy as a district and a community. Our administrators and staff went to work immediately to organize meeting the basic, immediate needs of our district families who were affected. We are fortunate to live in a community of very generous people!
- May 2, 2022 is scheduled to begin refinishing the Jim Baker Fieldhouse floors that were damaged by the flooding.
- Our district sends thoughts and prayers to Olathe East High School as they experienced a shooting in their school on Friday.
- Mrs. Couchman and four other women leaders went to the Women's Leadership Conference in Wichita last week. It was a great time of learning.
- The board recognized some of our student groups. Lindsay Wray has done great things with the BHS Classy Cru dance team! The BHS boys basketball team is heading to state this week.

Executive Session - Real Estate

The board met in executive session to discuss real estate matters.

A special meeting is scheduled for March 29 for Board leadership training.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, April 11 at 6:00 pm.