

# BOARD BRIEFS

JUNE 13, 2022

## Statements from the Audience

Lori Hartnett, mother of 4 children in the district, spoke to the board as a representative of several parents of the incoming third grade class at Union Valley Elementary School. Parents are concerned with the impact of the large class sizes in this grade level. They feel like there has been loss of learning due to Covid since their kindergarten year. They would like the board to consider options such as lowering class sizes by hiring an additional teacher, hiring additional para support and starting MTSS interventions for math and reading in August versus October. They would also like better communication from administration regarding changes that are being considered.

## Special Recognition

The Buhler High School girls soccer team finished second at the 4-1A State Tournament. This is the best finish of any girls soccer team in Buhler soccer history. Coach Randall Rank introduced the team members who were present and acknowledged their hard work and dedication this year. He also thanked his assistant coach, Eric Stambaugh.

## Ron Clark Academy

A group of 13 educators attended the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of May. Several of those who attended gave a report on their learning. They will return to a board meeting later in the year to report on how they have implemented what they learned in their classrooms. Erica Shook would also like to facilitate a book study on Ron Clark's book "Essential 55".

## Service Agreement - PRENDA

As recommended the board approved the Services Agreement with Prenda. This agreement is for contracted services through Ad Astra Virtual Academy. Prenda is a company that provides a platform for virtual learning via microschools across the state of Kansas.

## Professional Development Council (PDC) Report

As recommended the board approved the Professional Development points as presented. Points were reviewed for those attending the district professional development on March 4 and April 29.

### Review of Board Member Applications

The board reviewed the applications that were submitted for the open board position. Applications were received from Monte Cross, Michael Green, Tyler Davis, Slade Deister, Alisha Cummins and Ryan Wray. The board appreciated the interest in the position. After much discussion, the board chose to interview two candidates for the position. The candidates to be interviewed are Monte Cross and Michael Green. The interviews will be held Wednesday, June 15 at a special board meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

As recommended the board approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 9, 2022 and the special meeting on May 27, 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 Sarah Voth, kindergarten teacher at Union Valley Elementary School.

### Retirement of Classified Staff

As recommended the board accepted the retirement of Arthur Crowe, bus driver.

### Resignation of Supplemental Staff

As recommended the board accepted the resignation of Lauren Rank, assistant girls swimming and diving coach at Buhler High School.

### Employment of Seasonal/Temporary Help

As recommended the board approved the employment of the following temporary/seasonal staff:

#### Baseball Complex Maintenance:

John Neill

Jeffrey Neill

Mitchell McDaniel

#### Grounds maintenance:

Brock McCurdy

#### Custodial:

Erin Crowe

Charlotte Keller

Teresa Warkentin

#### Technology:

Ryder Cook

### Transfer of Staff

As recommended the board approved the following transfers:

- i) Rachel Holmes, from 7th grade girls assistant basketball coach to 8th grade girls head basketball coach
- ii) Jeff Voss, from 7th grade girls basketball assistant coach to 8th grade girls basketball assistant coach.
- iii) Sarah Cherry from the split preschool position between Union Valley and Plum Creek to full time at Plum Creek.

### Status Change for Classified Staff

As recommended the board approved the offer of increased hours to Harrison Morris, CARES Club aide at Plum Creek. He will now work 5 days per week (up to 15 hours per week).

### Employment of Licensed Staff

As recommended the board approve the employment of the following licensed staff:

- i) Karen Overton, kindergarten teacher at UV.
- ii) Katelyn Spencer, student support services/counselor at PHMS.

### Employment of Classified Staff

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

- i) Sarah Garcia, Shining Stars assistant at UV
- ii) Tammy Flager, regular education kindergarten paraprofessional at PCE.

### Employment of Supplemental Staff

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

- i) Mary Beth Bryant, webmaster at PHMS.
- ii) Alexis Comley, assistant girls tennis coach at PHMS.
- iii) JD Smith, assistant boys golf coach at BHS.
- iv) Mary Beth Bryant, 7th grade girls assistant basketball coach at PHMS.
- v) Ashley Sides, PHMS science team leader.

### Job Descriptions

As recommended the board approved the following job descriptions:

- i) Substitute Teacher
- ii) Paraprofessional Substitute

### Memorandum of Understanding with City of Buhler

As recommended the board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Buhler and the district for the use of the USD 313 fuel pumps and fuel.

### Insurance Renewal

As recommended the board approved the insurance renewal for Property/Casualty/Boiler Program with KERMP at a cost of \$327,581.88.

### Vehicle Purchase

As recommended the board approved the purchase of two suburbans using capital outlay funds.

### Executive Session - Negotiations

The board met in executive session to discuss negotiations

### Executive Session - Real Estate

The board met in executive session to discuss the possible sale and/or purchase of real estate.

### Executive Session - Personnel

The board met in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

### Executive Session - Student Matters

The board met in executive session to discuss student matters.

### Comments

- The administrative team had a retreat June 6 through June 8.
- The administrative team will bring the Budget Needs Assessment to the board at the next meeting.
- Mr. Hecox is working on reviewing the Revenue Neutral Rate (comparison of this year's mil levy to next year). The district has to contact the county clerk by July 20 if we think we will exceed.
- The BHS tennis courts are scheduled to be resurfaced July 1 pending weather.
- The admin is working on several grant applications including the grant for Safe and Secure Schools, Mental Health Initiative Grant and the KDHE grant.
- Congratulations again to the girls soccer team as they had a great season and represented Buhler well.
- Matt McCabe, our KSHSAA board rep, reported that at the spring KSHSAA board meeting they passed a resolution to put in a multiplier for the private schools. This now has to be voted on by schools, the State Board of Education and then finally the legislators.
- Essdack's new executive director will start on July 1.
- The district should expect to see an increase of 6 1/2 % in assessments from RCEC.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2022. A special meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

## June 15, 2022 - Special Meeting

### Board vacancy Interviews

The board interviewed Michael Green and Monte Cross for the board vacancy.

### Appointment to Fill Board vacancy Position 6

The board discussed the candidates. The board voted to appoint Monte Cross to fill the position 6 vacancy. Monte will fill this position until January 2026.