

## Annual Public School Board Meeting

2017-2018

September 11, 2017

The “Every Student Succeeds Act” (ESSA) signed December 10 of 2015 is the new Education Law that goes in to effect for the 2017-2018 school year. It re-authorizes the “Elementary and Secondary Education Act” (ESEA). Under this Federal Educational Program we receive funding from the following Federal Programs.

### Title I – Part A

The largest program of federal aid for elementary and secondary education. This year’s preliminary allocation amount is \$183,366.17, which is a decrease of \$23,516.36. Most of our Title I funds are used for salaries and benefits for:

- Instructional Assistants - (5) at 1.0 FTE ; (1) at .30 FTE ; (1) at .75 FTE)
- Reading Recovery Specialist - (1.0 FTE)
- Federal Programs Coordinator - (.50 FTE)
- The remaining funds are used for supplemental materials and supplies for teachers and their classrooms, parent involvement activities and homeless students that meet the federal requirements and guidelines.

(FTE – Full Time Equivalency)

### Title II-A

This is known as the “Improving Teacher Quality Grant”. These funds will be used for class-size reduction, as well as, salary and benefits for one teacher (1.0 FTE). This year’s preliminary allocation amount is \$28,621.79, which is a decrease of \$9,427.86

### Title VI-State which is now Title V under “ESSA”

This is the Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) Program. These funds can be used for the same purposes as Title I-Part A and Title IIA, as well as, professional development, teacher recruitment and retention, and parent involvement activities and classroom supplies for both campuses. This year’s preliminary allocation amount is \$18,000. This is a decrease of \$1203.45.

### ACSIP (Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan)

The School Improvement Committee consistently reviews the school improvement plan known as “ACSIP” plan throughout the year to determine school improvement needs. The decisions will be made about specific materials and programs that are purchased with federal funds.

Parental Involvement and Wellness Policies can be found on the school website.

## **ESEA vs. NCLB vs. ESSA**

- **ESEA**
  - Main goal was to provide equal access to education for all.
  - Provided all students with an equal chance to obtain an education regardless of race or social status.
  - Low income students could now attend school instead being forced into the workforce.
  - Provided tools and resources for students with disabilities.
  - Distributed billions of dollars to schools across the country that complied to the new integration laws.
  
- **NCLB**
  - Developed with the idea that "one size fits all".
  - Aimed to improve individual outcomes through higher standards.
  - Increased annual testing.
  - Increased teacher qualification standards in order to provide students with stronger teachers.
  - Accountability increased through standardized testing.
  - Detailed report cards became a requirement, so that parents can keep track of their children's academic progress.
  - Introduced school choice to select students.
  - Brought an increase in the quality of education.
  - Sought out to close achievement gaps, but left unrealistic goals.
  - Increased funding for public schools.
  
- **ESSA**
  - Ideas and changes are an attempt to fix the problems of the NCLB Act.
  - Changed curriculum to prepare students to become college and career ready.
  - Performance will be based on multiple ratings, not just one standardized test.
  - Extra funding is dedicated specifically for lower performing schools.
  - Strong focus on evidence based progress.
  - Tests will be more flexible to meet the needs of each student based on individual needs.
  - Common core will no longer be required.
  - Ever since the ESEA was created, numerous strides towards improving education. As time passes and students with different needs and abilities enter school, changes need to be continuously made in order to meet the needs of the children of America. The main goal of the ESEA was to provide equal access to education for all. It provided the first major funding increase for public schools. In 2001 the NCLB Act was passed in order to improve the ESEA. Funds were increased and quality of education increased, however it left unrealistic goals and many problems arrived with the new standardized tests. Common Core has been the biggest point of concern. Recently the ESSA was passed in attempt to fix the problems of the NCLB Act. Students will be prepared for college and their future careers, and performance will no longer be based solely on standardized tests. Common Core will also no longer be a requirement.



## PIGGOTT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

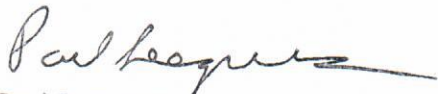
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### PIGGOTT HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE BY PRINCIPAL PAUL SEEGRAVES:

- The current school enrollment of Piggott High School stands at 420.
- The morale at Piggott High School seems to be higher than previous years among the faculty and staff.
- I believe that positive impacts will lead to positive results.
- I have put in place an incentive based program that divides the faculty into 8 teams. Points are awarded for positives that promote our students, staff and school. The winning team will be awarded with something special at the end of each semester.
- I have noticed from my walk- throughs that our teachers are working harder at keeping our students accountable for learning and behavior.
- Specialists are being brought in from time to time to assist with strategies to help with producing higher scores.
- Workshops are also being promoted to help with strategies of learning.
- We have a Career Coach (Rachel Dowdy) who is working with students on possible career paths.
- We currently have 4 National Board Certified Teachers: Karen Coomer, Jennifer McPherson, Stacey Peters, and Penny Veal.
- We have 2 teachers serving on the State Board of Alternative Education: Karen Coomer and Jon Wellman.
- We are proud of Coach Walter Rau who served our country in his deployment to help with Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.
- We have 6 students selected to the Student Leadership Council: Carly Benbrook, Brielle Burkman, Micah Ermert, Jaclyn Helms, Megan Marcus, and Gracie Patterson.
- We are proud of our student body for raising \$793 in a penny drive for Hurricane Harvey relief. This was done in 2 days and it was spearheaded by Karen Coomer.
- As a staff we are promoting volunteerism. There have been several examples of this from our athletes and clubs. We also instilled a program called "Making a Difference" where a student is rewarded for positive actions. We are participating in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards which rewards volunteerism from our students.
- Our clubs are already off to a banner year since July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  1. FBLA – 2 national finalists (Georgina Bautista and Hannah Powell), 13 national competitors, State Adviser of the Year- Stacey Peters, 2 state officers, and 1 district ML officer.
  2. Digital Communications III class won several awards over the last weekend in the "Fall into the Arts" competition- Best of Show – Jaclyn Helms, Also the class won 2 first place ribbons and 3 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons.
  3. FFA- Recently was named 5<sup>th</sup> place overall out of 70 schools in the Eastern Arkansas Sweepstakes... They were also #1 in schools of similar size in Eastern Arkansas.

4. Several of our school programs will be entered in the Clay County Fair this week. It could be the most entries our school has produced. I am looking forward to the results.
- Our sports teams are also having a great start.
  1. Football – Sr. High Football team is off to a 2-0 start and is currently ranked in the top 9 in Arkansas in Class AAA. Jr. High is 1-0.
  2. Volleyball- Sr. High is currently 4-6 with 5 of the 6 losses coming to teams ranked in the top 8 in the state in Class AAA and AAAA. They won the Ozarks Slamfest in Harrison last Saturday. They defeated the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team in the Class AAAA – Batesville Southside to win the championship. The Jr. High is currently 5-3.
  3. Boys' Golf team is currently 18-4 and play in their District Tournament this week with a good chance to qualify for the State Tournament.
  4. Tennis – Girls' Tennis team currently have a record of 5-1-2 despite having 10 beginners out of 12 players. Emilee Seegraves broke 2 career tennis records for most matches played and most singles' matches won earlier this season. Boys' tennis team is currently 6-0-1.
  5. Band – will start their competitive season on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> in Union City Tennessee. They have a strong chance to be successful this season.
  6. Cheer- We have two athletes (Presley Tullos and Madison Vanderkooi) that will be participating later in the school year at Disney World.
  7. Other sports later in the year are expected to be competitive as well in their respective seasons.

I am excited about the positive impact our school will have on the community as we go through the school year.



Paul Seegraves

Piggott High School

Principal

## PACE 2017-2018

- 20 Elementary and 49 High School = Total 69
  - Seminar 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12
  - Robotics from CenturyLink Grant for 7/8
  - Wicked at The Orpheum in Memphis and The Lion King at The Robinson Center in Little Rock
  - Pinot's Palette create own artwork
  - 11/12<sup>th</sup> Seminar working with Hemingway Pfeiffer and Lisa Mikle on life skills (budgeting, cooking, interviews,...)
  - Mentoring 6<sup>th</sup> grade with Debbie Baker
  - Mentoring activities with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades
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- Jr/Sr High Chess beginning Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, practices each Wed
    - 30 signed up, 18 showed up for 1<sup>st</sup> practice
    - 7 out of 18 PACE