



District Mission: Students graduate with the knowledge, skills and behaviors to be college and career ready.

Hutchinson Public Schools

2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

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Board approves elementary boundaries

The Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education Monday (Dec. 14, 2015) approved new elementary school boundaries on a 7-0 vote. The boundaries go into effect for the 2016-17 school year for current students.

The boundaries are the work product of a process that began a year ago. A citizens and staff committee recommended to the Board that the best way to save significant money on the district budget was to eliminate a track of classes out of McCandless Elementary School. The Board agreed with the recommendation earlier this calendar year.

Then in the summer, a second committee, composed of parents from each of the district's elementary schools and staff worked through a process to redraw boundaries. The committee received technical assistance from RSP Associates.

Also during Monday's meeting, the district received its annual audit report. Independent auditors found no issues with district finances for the 2014-15 school year.

The full 125-page Consolidated Annual Financial Report will be posted on the district's website on the Business Office page later this week.

In other action, the Board:

- Monitored Results Policies 3 through 6: Employability Skills.
- Approved refinancing a portion of the 2006 bond issue. District taxpayers will save nearly \$877,000 from the refinancing. This is the seventh refinancing of bonds. The total savings of all the refinancing efforts is \$3.3 million or the equivalent of about 16 mills of property tax.
- Approved an update of the district Parent Handbook.
- Approved a modified calendar for the 2015-16 school year. The only change will be to allow both campuses of Hutchinson Middle School to have a professional development day on Jan. 8. Students in grades 7 and 8 will not have classes but all other district students will be in class.
- Approved minutes of the Dec. 23 Board meeting.
- Approved the Career Ready Plus diploma program.

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- Approved an addendum to the district's transportation agreement with Durham School Services.
- Approved Governmental Accounting Standard Board 45 report.
- Approved repairs to the Career and Technical Education Academy.
- Approved submitted job descriptions.
- Approved the Accounts Payable Report for November 2015.
- Heard a report from Member Rudy Rodriguez on the recent Kansas Association of School Board's annual conference.
- Prior to Monday's meeting, the Board received training from Head Start.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes for the district.

Hired

- Kelsey Baker, Grade 1 Teacher, Wiley Elementary School, effective Nov. 30, 2015
- Nathan Henry, Head Softball Coach, Hutchinson High School, effective Feb. 29, 2016
- Jolene Mora, Substitute Teacher, District
- Christina Caudillo, Modified Para, HMS at Allen
- Danita Kelsey, CSS Para, Wiley Elementary
- Matthew Rhoads, BSS Para, Reno County Youth Services
- Malik Jobe, Educational Aide, Hutchinson High School

Resignations

- Dorothy Hook, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective Dec. 18, 2015
- Jarl Moreland, Vocal Music Teacher, Hutchinson High School, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Karla Pruitt, Kindergarten Teacher, McCandless Elementary School, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Cindy Root, Vocal Music & Band Teacher, McCandless Elementary School, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Dorothy Voth, Grade 3 Teacher, Faris Elementary School, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Brook Klassen, CSS Para, Hutchinson High School, effective Dec. 18, 2015
- Billi Martin, Resource Room Para, Avenue A Elementary, effective Dec. 18, 2015
- Kristin Butler, Family Support Worker, Head Start, effective Dec. 11, 2015

Retirements

- Pamela Adams, Grade 2 Teacher, McCandless Elementary School, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Katherine Warren, Speech Language Pathologist, Educational Service Center, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Sondra Pohlman, MIS Secretary, Educational Service Center, effective Jan. 29, 2016

Termination

- Amy Ratley, Daycare Assistant, Hutchinson High School Day Care, effective Dec. 9, 2015

Gifts to Schools

The Board approved acceptance of the following gifts to school and formally thanked donors.

- \$750 from the John R. and Bethene S. Rimmer Fund to Lincoln Elementary School
- Gift certificates and merchandise valued at \$55 from Chili's to Faris Elementary School.

Next Meeting

Because of the Christmas-New Year's Break, the Board will not meet Dec. 28. The next regular meeting of the Board will be Jan. 11.