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Hutchinson Public Schools

2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

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Board approves K-5 math textbook adoption

The Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education Monday (April 11, 2016) approved a math textbook adoption for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, K-5 classrooms will use the Pearson Envision Math 2.0. The Board's action caps off 15 months of research by teachers and administration from all eight district elementary schools. The K-5 Task Force studied best practices for math instruction and decided Envision Math 2.0 met the criteria for best practices and aligns with the Task Force and district's beliefs and commitments.

Cost of the K-5 adoption is \$362,060.49, which will be paid from the district's textbook fund. The math textbook adoption for grades six through 12 is expected to occur at the April 25 Board meeting.

By the time math adoption for the higher grades takes place, the cost for textbooks, supporting materials and professional development will total about \$1 million. The district saves money each year into a specific fund to pay for the costs associated with a new textbook adoption because it cannot afford to pay the costs in one year.

Also Monday night, the Board approved the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal for staff health insurance for 2016-17. The rates have dropped 2.5 percent compared to 2015-16, which will be passed on to district employees. This is the fourth year in a row in which premiums have held steady or decreased in the district.

The district has a partially self-funded health insurance plan. For the past several years, district staff has focused on educating employees to make them better consumers of health care, implemented a wellness program and structured the plan to encourage the wise use of health care dollars.

The district offers employees two options – a traditional shared pay plan and a high-deductible plan.

In other action, the Board:

- Heard a Continuous Improvement Report from Faris Elementary School.

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- Heard a report on the AdvancED accreditation visit April 24 to 27. The AdvancED team will meet with the Board at 1 p.m. on April 27 to discuss its findings.
- Reviewed Operational Expectations No. 3 – Treatment of Stakeholders, tabling it for further review at the May 9 Board meeting.
- Approved minutes of the March 28, 2016, Board meeting.
- Approved submitted grant applications.
- Approved the purchase of a Lincoln MIG welder for the Hutchinson Career and Technical Education Academy.
- Approved the annual Microsoft licensing renewal.
- Approved the annual EMC Isilon support renewal.
- Approved administrator contracts for 2016-17. District administrators who previously hadn't resigned or retired will be back for 2016-17.
- Approved the Accounts Payable Report for March 2016.
- Heard a report on the National School Boards Association convention, which was last weekend in Boston.
- Planned its student linkage with Hutchinson High School students.
- Held executive sessions on matters concerning an individual, personnel, district security and negotiations with district teachers.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

Hired

- Rachael Anderson, Grade 6 Teacher, Faris Elementary School, effective 2016-17 school year
- Jeremy Garcia, Business Teacher, Career and Technical Education Academy, effective 2016-17 school year
- Denice Jackson, Resource Room Para, McCandless Elementary
- Clayton Evans, Summer Project Crew, Technology Support Center
- Mark Mock, Summer Project Crew, Technology Support Center
- Mary Stewart, Summer Project Crew, Technology Support Center
- Tammy Stanley, Summer Project Crew, Technology Support Center

Resignations

- Bret Eckert, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, Hutchinson High School, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- London Howell, Grade 6 Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Anna Morrissette, Grade 6 Teacher, Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Linda Springer, Special Education Teacher, Wiley Elementary School, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Kristen Friesen, Health Assistant, HMS at Allen, effective May 24, 2016
- Sally England, CSS Para, Graber Elementary, effective May 20, 2016

Retirements

- Nancy Krafels, Instructional Support Teacher, Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen, effective end of 2015-16 school year
- Rebecca Christman, HHS Secretary, Hutchinson High School, effective May 27, 2016
- Gail Dennis, HHS Secretary, Hutchinson High School, effective October 1, 2016

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- Brenda Chastain, Secretarial Assistant/Food Service, Lincoln Elementary, effective May 25, 2016
 - Deanna Goering, Title 1 Educational Aide, Lincoln Elementary, effective May 24, 2016
- Position Changes, From, To**
- Joel Cushing, Special Education Para/Lincoln, Physical Education Teacher/Wiley Elementary School, effective 2016-17 school year
 - Gary Hogan, PE Teacher/HMS at Allen and Faris, Special Education Teacher/Hutchinson High School, effective 2016-17 school year
 - Robert Nixon, Physical Education Teacher/Wiley, Physical Education Teacher/Hutchinson High School, effective 2016-17 school year
 - Mariah Wedel, Substitute Teacher/Administration Center, Kindergarten Teacher/Faris Elementary School, effective 2016-17 school year

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 7 p.m. April 25, at the Administration Center. The Board will have its annual linkage – listening session – with Hutchinson High School students at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at HHS. This is not a formal Board meeting and no action will be taken.