

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

Hutchinson Public Schools

2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

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Board tours HCTEA

The Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education Monday (Nov. 28, 2016) toured the Hutchinson Career and Technical Education Academy as part of its study session.

The 96,000-square-foot HCTEA opened in 2009, bringing both new programming and an expansion of existing programs. The district offered health sciences classes in the facility and students are able to get both their CNA and CMA certificates.

The facility also allowed for major expansions, including the more traditional automotive technology and auto body programs.

Travis Riebel, director of career and technical education, said the academy offers coursework in 12 career pathways. The programming draws students from 10 area high schools in about a 30-mile radius of Hutchinson as well as Hutchinson Community College.

In cooperation with HCC, the academy offers 60 dual credit courses. By the time HHS students graduate, 51 percent of them have college credit through HCTEA dual credit courses or core classes such as mathematics and English.

Four programs have been merged with HCC over the years – auto collision repair, auto mechanics technology, machine technology and building trades. Typically, HHS sees some of its students walk across the stage at HCC's graduation each May a week or so ahead of the high school's graduation because those individuals have earned certifications in the merged programs.

Additionally, HHS and the academy was the first high school in Kansas to offer the International Baccalaureate Career Related Programme.

The Board normally meets at different district facilities once or twice during the school year to tour and hear reports on USD 308 programs.

Also during Monday's meeting, the Board:

- Heard a report on a recent trauma conference from Board Member Lance Patterson and district staff.
- Continued its series of information sessions on special education programming.
- Approved minutes of the Nov. 14, 2016, Board meeting.

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- Approved Cognitive Coaching summer training.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report for October 2016.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

Hired

- Aarika McCarty, EHS Family Educator, Early Head Start, effective Dec. 1, 2016
- Chelsea Graber, Daycare Assistant, Hutchinson High School Daycare, effective Nov. 17, 2016
- Deborah Minner, Resource Room Para, Hutchinson Middle School 8, effective Nov. 17, 2016
- Thomas Clark, Certified Emergency Substitute, District, effective Nov. 17, 2016
- Barbara Cooper, Resource Room Para, Faris Elementary, effective Nov. 28, 2016
- Summer West, Title 1 Educational Aide, Faris Elementary, effective Nov. 30, 2016
- Ashley Garcia, Custodian/Part-Time, Lincoln Elementary/Early Ed Center, effective Nov. 28, 2016

Resignations

- Kenneth Bankey, Custodian/Part-Time, Lincoln Elementary/Early Ed Center, effective Nov. 11, 2016
- Matthew Willis, HHS Counseling Office Secretary, Hutchinson High School, effective Nov. 18, 2016
- Teresa Klassen, Resource Room Para, Hutchinson High School, effective Nov. 22, 2016

Retirements

- Jo Davis, Special Education Teacher, Hutchinson Middle School 8, end of 2016-17 school year
- Debra Gordon, Special Education Teacher, McCandless Elementary, end of 2016-17 school year
- Mark Thomas, Assistant Principal, Hutchinson Middle School 8, end of 2016-17 school year

Termination

- Chywonna Gonzalez, Educational Aide, Lincoln Elementary, effective Nov. 16, 2016
 Position Changes, From, To
- Rebekka Voss, Substitute Secretary/District, HHS Counseling Office Secretary/Hutchinson High School, effective Nov. 28, 2016
- Michael Eddington, Cafeteria Aide/Hutchinson High School, Lead Cafeteria Aide/Hutchinson High School, effective Nov. 1, 2016
- Beverly Magnuson, Cook-Server/Hutchinson Middle School 7, Lead Cook-Server/Hutchinson Middle School – 7, effective Nov. 1, 2016
- Brenda Dawson, Accountability Server/Hutchinson Middle School 8, Lead Cook-Server/Hutchinson Middle School – 8, effective Nov. 1, 2016
- Rabekka Werner, Permanent Para Substitute/District, Modified Para/Avenue A Elementary, effective Nov. 14, 2016
- Jessica Robison, Modified Para/Avenue A Elementary, Resource Para/Morgan Elementary, effective Nov. 21, 2016

Next Meeting
The next regular session of the Board will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Administration Center. There will be only one regular Board meeting in December, because the second would fall on Dec. 26.