



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

# Hutchinson Public Schools

**2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

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*Board extends Superintendent Price's contract*

## Early education programs to get new home

The Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education Monday (Sept. 18, 2017) approved moving forward on the purchase of the former Dillons location at 517 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The Board first met in executive session to discuss real estate acquisition. After members emerged, Superintendent Gary Price explained the proposed purchase of the former Dillons, which is at the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> and Plum. The Board then voted to allow district staff to take the final steps toward the purchase in open session.

The primary purpose of the facility will be to develop and open a pre-kindergarten center for USD 308. All-day pre-school classes and other pre-kindergarten learning experiences will be the first occupants of the building. Renovations for the first stage set to occur during the 2018-19 school year.

One possible name for the facility is the "Dillon Learning Center."

Sheila Lowrie, Dillon Stores corporate affairs manager, attended the meeting and read a statement from Colleen Juergensen, Dillon Stores president.

"On behalf of all of us at Dillons, we could not be more excited for this evening's announcement with USD 308," said Colleen Juergensen, Dillon Stores president, in her statement. "Our former store has the potential to take on a new life as the Dillon Learning Center, which can provide an incredibly meaningful contribution to families in Hutchinson.

"The overall vision is perfect and echoes our company's purpose to Feed the Human Spirit through inspired actions. After all, inspiration is at the heart of early education.

"The Dillon Learning Center will be a place where children can blossom and develop a love for education at such a formable age. It will be a place of creativity, exploration, confidence and opportunity. Here, young minds will be nurtured at a safe place in a great location, while parents maintain their careers. Parents can also take comfort in knowing their children are beginning their education without delays."

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The building has 64,295 square feet and sits on 6.11 acres. Because early education may not take up the entire space, other district facilities may move to the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue location.

Once finalized, the purchase and subsequent renovations will come from the district's capital outlay fund. By law, that fund cannot be used for staff salaries. The renovations will occur over several years.

The agreed-upon sales price was \$450,000 or \$7 per square foot. Listed sales price for the property and building was \$1.5 million. The property went on the market when Dillons moved to its new Marketplace at 3200 Plaza East Drive in August 2013.

After the regular part of the meeting, the Board held a study session looking at maintenance projects in the district, which also are funded via the capital outlay fund.

Also during Monday's meeting, the Board voted to extend the contract of Superintendent Price by an additional year, pending talks with the educator, through the 2018-19 school year. Price was hired earlier this year for one year as the interim superintendent because the district's previous superintendent left late in the school year.

In addition, Board members received a preliminary report on enrollment, learning the district has about 100 fewer students in 2017-18 than in 2016-17. The district is seeing smaller kindergarten classes enroll in the district than the previous graduating classes at Hutchinson High School. Preliminary numbers for 2017-18 showed the district had 4,396 students, compared to 4,487 in 2016-17.

Mitigating the drop, however, is the new state law that counts kindergartners as whole students for state funding. The district, then, will see the equivalent of 298 kindergartners for funding in 2017-18 vs. 152 last year.

The Board also voted to increase compensation for classified employees and substitute teachers by 5 percent. The classified raises will be based on recommendations from the district's Classified Council. Action came after an executive session on negotiations.

The district has not settled with NEA-Hutchinson yet. The next negotiations meeting with NEA-H will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 2 in the Administration Center, 1520 N. Plum.

Also during Monday's meeting the Board:

- Approved minutes of the Sept. 11, 2017, Board meeting.
- Approved special education assurances for a federal grant.
- Approved the Child and Adult Care Food Program agreement with the Kansas State Department of Education.
- Approved the replacement of a roof-top heating/cooling unit for the South Gym at HHS.
- Approved the memorandum of understanding between Reno County Early Head Start and the Hutchinson Community Foundation.
- Approved Operational Expectations No. 1 – Global Operational Expectation.
- Approved Operational Expectations No. 2 – Superintendent Succession.
- Approved Operational Expectations No. 10 – Curriculum and Instruction
- Approved the August 2017 Treasurer's Report.

## Personnel Report

### Hired

#### Recommendations for Employment

- Clare Goering, Co-Head Boys Tennis Coach, Hutchinson High School, effective 2017-18 school year
- Robert Nenadal, Social Worker, Avenue A Elementary School and Faris Elementary School, effective Sept. 28, 2017
- Ron Weber, Rule 10 Co-Head Boys Tennis Coach, Hutchinson High School, effective 2017-18 school year
- Brenda Maldonado, Title 1 Educational Aide, Lincoln Elementary School, effective Sept. 25, 2017
- Mary Gottschalk, Resource Room Para, Faris Elementary School, effective Oct. 2, 2017
- Cassandra Ratzlaff, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective Sept. 13, 2017
- Shawna Richter, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective Sept. 18, 2017
- William Sewell, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective Sept. 18, 2017
- Glenda Kilpatrick, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective Sept. 20, 2017
- Randy Doerksen, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective Sept. 26, 2017
- Mary Norris, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective Sept. 27, 2017

#### Resignations

- Celestia Fabela, Resource Room Para, McCandless Elementary School, effective Sept. 13, 2017
- Suzanne Hill, Food Service Secretary, Faris Elementary School, effective Aug. 31, 2017
- Arabia Lydic, Title 1 Educational Aide, Wiley Elementary, effective Sept. 29, 2017

#### Retirement

- David Ward, CTEA teacher, Hutchinson High School, effective end of 2017-18 school year

#### Position Changes, From, To

- Regina Fairbank, from Social Worker/Faris and Avenue A to Social Worker/HMS-7 and HMS-8, effective Sept. 28, 2017
- Tyler Lanning from Social Worker/HMS-7 and HMS-8 and ALP to Social Worker/HHS and ALP, effective Sept. 28, 2017
- Ronni Rosiere from Substitute Secretary/District to Food Service Secretary/Faris Elementary School, effective Sept. 1, 2017
- Jennifer Hamrick from Permanent Para Substitute/ESC to Substitute Para/ESC, effective Sept. 11, 2017
- Brianna Escobar from Modified Para/Avenue A Elementary School to Substitute Teachers Assistant/Head Start, effective Sept. 11, 2017
- Melissa Caballero Flores, Permanent Nurse Substitute/District, Substitute Nurse/Health Assistant/District, effective Sept. 29, 2017

## Gifts to Schools

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

- Cereal for snacks and prizes for the Treasure Chest, valued at \$200, from the Medicine Shoppe to Faris Elementary School.

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- Safety glasses for the eclipse, valued at \$250, from the Medicine Shoppe to Faris.
- Safety glasses for the eclipse, valued at \$50, from Ron Sorenson to Faris.
- School supplies, valued at \$400, from the Hutchinson Fire Department to Faris.
- A \$100 Kohl's gift card from Amy Bolend to Faris for clothing for the nurse's office.

### **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Administration Center.