



Hutchinson Public Schools

2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

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Board receives Budget Committee update

The USD 308 Board of Education Monday (April 28, 2014) was updated on work by the district's Budget Committee. Superintendent Dr. Shelly Kiblinger and Executive Director of Fiscal Management Lori Blakesley reported to the Board about the committee's work.

The committee, comprised of community members and educators, met four times in March and April. The committee looked at areas where spending will need to increase in 2014-15 and areas where it could be cut. The committee, then, made recommendations that the Board will take up at its May 12 meeting.

In the recently signed state budget legislation, USD 308 taxpayers will see property taxes drop because of increased state aid for the Local Option Budget. Additionally, the district will see additional money for capital outlay – money that can't, however, be used in the classroom but, instead, is used generally for facility upkeep.

Since the legislation also decreases certain types of aid for at-risk students, the district will end up receiving about \$102,000 less state aid in 2014-15 than this year.

In order to give staff a small wage increase in 2014-15, the committee looked at areas of the budget where cuts could be made.

Also during the meeting, the Board voted not to extend an agreement with the City of Hutchinson for tax increment financing for environmental cleanup of an area of near the city's grain elevator terminals. The vote came after executive sessions, lasting 20 minutes, for the Board to meet with its attorney.

The Board, however, did pass a second motion related to the environmental cleanup that would allow the district to participate if the project qualifies for state funding and the district, in turn, receives its proportion of the state funding.

Also during Monday's meeting the Board:

- Heard a Continuous Improvement Report from Wiley Elementary School.
- Received an update from the district's principals on their work on district results policies.
- Heard a report on the district's computer network security.

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- Received a report on the district's phonics program. The Board later in the meeting approved a K-3 phonics program for the district.
- Approved minutes of the April 14, 2014, Board meeting.
- Approve extending the superintendent's contract through the 2015-16 school year.
- Approved administrator contracts for 2014-15.
- Approved the Schools for Fair Funding membership dues.
- Approved the district's license renewal with Microsoft.
- Approved carpet replacement at Lincoln Elementary School. The final day for students at Lincoln will be May 21 to allow Lincoln staff to pack up their classrooms for the carpet work. The changed date does not impact any other district school.
- Approved a list of surplus auction items the district no longer uses. The auction will be done online via PurpleWave.
- Approved a student transportation renewal contract with Durham School Services.
- Approved the purchase and installation of additional security cameras.
- Approved swing set replacement for Graber, Lincoln and Morgan elementary schools.
- Approved a web filter agreement to use Light Speed from Alexander Open Systems.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report for March 2014.
- Reviewed operational expectations in the district's strategic planning document.
- Held an executive session for five minutes to discuss negotiations with NEA-Hutchinson.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

Hired

- Kara Bunce, Kindergarten Teacher, Faris Elementary School, effective 2014-15 school year
- Alberto Carrillo, Principal, Wiley Elementary School, effective 2014-15 school year
- Brynn Loop, Kindergarten Teacher, Faris Elementary School, effective 2014-15 school year
- Sarah Otto, To be determined, McCandless Elementary School, effective 2014-15 school year
- Amanda Reitmeier, To be determined, To be determined, effective 2014-15 school year
- Travis Riebel, CTEA Director, Career & Technical Education Academy, effective 2014-15 school year
- Kelly Roberts, English Teacher, Hutchinson High School, effective 2014-15 school year
- Clint Rodriguez, ELL Summer School Teacher , Avenue A Elementary School, effective June 16 to July 3, 2014
- Shelley Rodriguez, ELL Summer School Teacher , Avenue A Elementary School, effective June 16 to July 3, 2014
- Melissa Thomas, ELL Summer School Teacher , Avenue A Elementary School, effective June 16 to July 3, 2014
- Karen Heller, Resource Room Para, Wiley Elementary
- Tiffani Maxwell, Classified Substitute, District
- Sherry Brawner, ELL Classified Secretary, Avenue A, effective June 16 to July 3, 2014
- Gina Fernandez, ELL Classified Aide, Avenue A, effective June 16 to July 3, 2014
- Marlene West, ELL Classified Aide, Avenue A, effective June 16 to July 3, 2014

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Resignations

- Emile Blakesley, Rule 10 - Asst Girls' Basketball Coach, Hutchinson High School, effective immediately
- Melisa Bryant, Grade 2 Teacher, Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen, effective end of 2013-14 school year
- Tristan Burrow, Grade 1 Teacher, McCandless Elementary School, effective end of 2013-14 school year
- Jane Davidson, Reading & Math Support Teacher, Faris Elementary School, effective end of 2013-14 school year
- Donna Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Administration Center, effective June 30, 2014
- Heidi Harris, Instructional Support Teacher, Avenue A Elementary School, effective end of 2013-14 school year
- Katherine Kirby, Special Education Teacher, Morgan Elementary School, effective end of 2013-14 school year
- Ashley Regier, Grade 4 Teacher, Graber Elementary School, effective end of 2013-14 school year
- Michael Rice, Special Education Teacher, Hutchinson Middle School - 7, effective end of 2013-14 school year
- Anne Sellers, School Nurse, Hutchinson High School, effective end of 2013-14 school year
- Jane Brown, Assistant Fruits & Vegetables, HMS-8, effective April 25, 2014
- Melody Mason, Food Service Assistant, Head Start, effective May 22, 2014
- Amara Rutschman, Assistant Baker, Lincoln Elementary, effective May 5, 2014
- Jamie Tilton, Title 1 Education Aide, Wiley Elementary, effective May 22, 2014
- Sherri Elam, Cook/Server, McCandless Elementary, effective May 24, 2014

Position Change, From, To

- Hannah Schletzbaum, Grade 2 Teacher / Wiley, Grade 2 Teacher/HMS at Allen, effective 2014-15 school year

Termination

- Eunice Ortiz, ESL Aide, HMS-7, effective April 28, 2014

Administrative contract renewals for 2014-15

- Eric Armstrong, Activities Director
- Pam Bevan, Elementary Principal
- Lori Blakesley, Executive Director of Fiscal Management and Business Operations
- Cindy Coopriider, Director of Elementary Education
- Bryan Cunningham, Elementary Principal
- Jennifer Gardner, Director of Nutrition Services
- Kevin Graham, Assistant Principal
- Sherri Hart, Elementary Principal
- Ray Hemman, Director of Public Information
- Cindy Keeler, Director of Head Start
- Rick Kraus, Executive Director of Human Resources
- Lance Lusk, Assistant Principal
- Jo McFadden, Elementary Principal
- Denise Neighbors, Elementary Principal
- Randy Norwood, Executive Director of Operations
- David L. Patterson, Assistant Principal

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- Rod Rathbun, Elementary Principal
- Beth Redinger, Elementary Principal
- Jason Reed, Technology Coordinator
- Paula Rice, Assistant Principal
- Ronn Roehm, High School Principal
- Mary Smith, Assistant Director of Special Education
- Adelyn Soellner, Assistant Principal
- Mark Thomas, Assistant Principal
- Bob Williams Jr, Director of Support Services

Previously approved contracts for 2014-15

- Heath Peine, Director of Special Education
- Alberto Carrillo, Elementary Principal
- Travis Riebel, Director of Career and Technical Education
- David T. Patterson, Middle School Principal

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 7 p.m. May 12 at the Administration Center. A majority of Board members will be present for a linkage with Hutchinson High School students at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the Hutchinson Career and Technical Education Academy. No action will be taken at Wednesday's event.