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Hutchinson Public Schools

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

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Board approves repurposing Avenue A

The Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education Monday (Jan. 22, 2018) approved a proposal that will give Avenue A Elementary School a new mission in 2018-19.

Under the proposal, the repurposed Avenue A will have from four to six pre-kindergarten classes; offices and a family room for Parents as Teachers; an elementary level alternative school; and offices for the United Way's Southwest Bricktown offices.

The district retains ownership of the facility. Hutchinson Public Schools has operated a school at Avenue A and Madison since 1889. The current building was constructed in 1939 and updated in 2008.

The proposal also calls on district staff to consider other options for future use of the facility including dual-language studies, other community-based services and expanded after-school opportunities.

Current staff at the school will have the opportunity to transfer to other district facilities. Savings from the changes are expected to total about \$300,000 annually.

The change in Avenue A's usage was prompted by a continuing decline in enrollment from students who live in the southwest corner of the district. A census of Avenue A students in early January showed that 45 of its 111 students (41 percent) lived within the school's geographic boundaries while the remaining 66 lived in other school attendance areas or school districts.

Since the recent high-water mark for district enrollment in 2013-14, the district is down 395 elementary students. Because the district had projections of smaller class sizes, the district reduced elementary school capacity by eliminating a track of students at McCandless. That reduced elementary capacity by 175 student in 2016-17.

Staff currently is working on a new elementary attendance boundary map for the district. New guidelines for student transfer will give priority for students from Avenue A who are being forced to transfer to another school.

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Also during Monday's meeting, the Board approved the negotiated agreement with NEA-Hutchinson for the 2017-18 school year. Licensed staff approved the negotiated agreement at a meeting on Jan. 10.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved minutes of the Jan. 8, 2018, Board meeting.
- Approved the Head Start federal financial report.
- Approved the Head Start selection criteria.
- Approved the Classified Handbook.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report for December 2017.
- Held an executive session for non-elected personnel. No action was taken after the first executive session.
- Held a second executive session on real estate. After returning to open session, the Board voted to approve a contract to sell the 2016-17 building trades home.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

Hired

- Aaron Miller, Night Activity Supervisor .5, Hutchinson High School, effective start of 2018-19 school year
- Steve Williams, Night Activity Supervisor .5, Hutchinson High School, effective start of 2018-19 school year
- Mike Vernon, Physical Education Teacher and Head Football Coach, Hutchinson High School, effective start of 2018-19 school year
- Charles Burt, Certified Emergency Substitute, District, effective Jan. 10, 2018
- Troy Bielser, Certified Emergency Substitute, District, effective Jan. 18, 2018
- Jacqueline Roberson, Certified Emergency Substitute, District, effective Jan. 19, 2018
- Kandace Miller, Certified Emergency Substitute, District, effective Jan. 23, 2018
- Carol Martin, Cafeteria Aide, Hutchinson High School, effective Jan. 16, 2018
- Brandi Meyer, Building Para Substitute, Faris Elementary, effective Jan. 16, 2018
- Lindsey Reger, Building Para Substitute, HMS at Allen, effective Jan. 22, 2018

Resignations

- Brandi Boese, Teacher - grade 3, Faris Elementary, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Crystal Hackler, Teacher - special education, Hutchinson Middle School -- 7, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Abigail Ramsey, Teacher - grade 5, Faris Elementary, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Jaclyn Unruh, Teacher - grade 2, Wiley Elementary, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Jennifer Valentine, Parent Educator, Parents As Teachers at Hutcherson Center, effective Jan. 5, 2018
- Lauren Stroud, Speech Language Para, HMS at Allen, effective Jan. 26, 2018
- Jill Stade, CSS Para, Hutchinson High School, effective Feb. 2, 2018

Position Changes

- Heidi Eschliman, from CSS Para to CSS Teacher, effective immediately

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- Beth Redinger, from Principal at Avenue A Elementary to Principal at Faris Elementary, effective start of 2018-19 school year
- Misty Barnum, from Permanent Custodial Substitute in the District to Food Service Secretary at Morgan Elementary, effective Jan. 16, 2018
- Debra Stucky, from ESL Aide at Avenue A Elementary to Title 1 Educational Aide at Morgan Elementary, effective Jan. 29, 2018

Gifts to Schools

The Board approved the following gifts to schools and formally thanked donors.

- \$100 from Allen Samuels to Hutchinson High School for girls' basketball.
- \$200 from Robert and Tasha Wessel for HHS Scholars Bowl.
- \$200 from Robert and Tasha Wessel for HHS band.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 12.