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2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

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Roberson welcomed to Board

Anette Roberson formally joined the Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education during its first meeting of the calendar year Monday (Jan. 8, 2018).

Roberson was elected to a four-year-term and replaced long-time Board member Jeff Nichols who did not run for reelection.

She is the second new member to the Board since the November election. Valarie Gibson-Smith was seated at the Board at its second meeting in November. Gibson-Smith replaced Rudy Rodriguez, who resigned from the Board earlier in 2017. The new Board member won the two-year unexpired term on the Board during the Nov. 7 election.

Also winning four-year terms on the Board in November were incumbents Kail Denison and Tad Dower. Not up for reelection in 2017 were members Randall Gray, Greg Meredith and Lance Patterson.

January is Kansas School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Gary Price recognized the Board and gave each a certificate of appreciation.

Monday's meeting included a study session for the Board. Members heard information about Avenue A Elementary School's status. Monday's census of Avenue A 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.

Jesse Juma, speaking on behalf of the Avenue A community, provided alternatives for the Board to consider. Those include opening up boundaries to anyone in the district and the county, making it a dual-language magnet school similar to the K-8 Horace Mann School in Wichita or both. He told the Board the smaller classes are helpful at Avenue A, and the Southwest Bricktown Community Center located in the school was beneficial for the entire city.

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About 25 community members and staff from Avenue A attended the study session.

No decision was made after the study session. The Board will take up Avenue A again at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Also during Monday's meeting, the Board:

- Heard a report on annual staff, student and parent surveys by Rick Kraus, assistant superintendent.
- Approved minutes of the Dec. 11, 2017, Board meeting.
- Approved submitted grant applications.
- Approved an out-of-state student activity request for welding students to attend a competition in Nevada, Mo.
- Approved the purchase of new library books. The purchase amounts to \$34 per student for each school.
- Approved an elevator upgrade for Hutchinson Middle School – 8.
- Approved Operational Expectations No. 6 – Financial Management.
- Approved an audit contract with Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, and Loyd LLC for five years.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report for November 2017.
- Approved the Accounts Payable Report for December 2017.
- Held an executive session for negotiations. No action was taken after the executive session.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

Hired

- Logan Roehm, Science Teacher, Hutchinson Middle School – 8, effective start of 2018-19 school year
- Judy Buri, Certified Emergency Substitute, District, effective Jan. 3, 2018
- Angie Mahoney, Certified Emergency Substitute, District, effective Jan. 5, 2018
- Ronald Reade, Certified Emergency Substitute, District, effective Jan. 8, 2018
- Rebecca Pinkston, Bus Aide, Head Start/Nickerson, effective Dec. 14, 2017
- Kenneth Wiedeman, Journeyman Electrician, Support Service Center, effective Jan. 2, 2018
- Bailey Jensen, Modified Para, Avenue A Elementary, effective Jan. 3, 2018
- Victoria Miller, BSS Para, McCandless Elementary, effective Jan. 8, 2018
- Alexandria Rodriguez, BSS Para, McCandless Elementary, effective Jan. 4, 2018
- Kari Frazer, Title 1 Educational Aide, Lincoln Elementary, effective Jan. 8, 2018

Resignations

- Hilary Stutzman, Night Activities Supervisor, Hutchinson High School, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Damion Lightner, Custodian/Night, Hutchinson High School, effective Dec. 7, 2017
- Taycota Purcell, Modified Para, Avenue A Elementary - Effective 12/8/2017, effective Dec. 8, 2017
- Vonda Richardson, Assistant Fruits/Vegetables, Hutchinson Middle School – 7, effective Jan. 12, 2018
- Abbie Martin, Cook/Server, Hutchinson Middle School – 8, effective Jan. 19, 2018

Retirements

- Scott Barnett, Head Custodian, Faris Elementary, effective Dec. 29, 2017

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- Gary Hogan, Special Ed Teacher, Hutchinson High School, effective end of 2017-18 school year

Position Changes

- Rebecca Busenbark, from Sixth Grade Teacher at Faris Elementary, to Science Teacher at Hutchinson Middle School – 8, effective start of 2018-19 school year
- Jared Hatcher, from Custodian at Faris Elementary, to Head Elementary Custodian at Faris Elementary, effective Jan. 2, 2018
- Mark Good, from Custodian at Graber Elementary, to Custodian at Faris Elementary, effective Jan. 2, 2018

Termination

- Kristina Edwards, Custodian/Night, Hutchinson Middle School – 7, effective Dec. 15, 2017

Gifts to Schools

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

- \$600 from the John R. and Bethene S. Rimmer Fund to McCandless Elementary School for student enrichment.
- \$150 from an anonymous donor to McCandless for student needs.
- \$250 from Grace Episcopal Church to McCandless for student needs.
- \$200 from Briscoe and Dosch Family Dentistry to McCandless for a water fountain with water bottle filling station.
- \$800 from the John R. and Bethene S. Rimmer Fund to Faris Elementary School for student enrichment.
- \$250 from the Hutchinson PEO to Faris for books and other student needs and holiday treats for staff.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Administration Center.