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2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

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Gibson-Smith joins Board

The Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, appointed Valarie Gibson-Smith to a vacancy on the Board.

Gibson-Smith replaces Rudy Rodriguez, who resigned from the Board earlier this year. The new Board member won the two-year unexpired term on the Board during the Nov. 7 election. The Board could have waited until January to fill the seat but decided to have a full seven-member panel earlier.

With the Nov. 7 election, another new member will join the Board in January. Anette Roberson was elected to a four-year-term and will replace long-time Board member Jeff Nichols who did not run for reelection. Nichols first joined the Board in July 2001.

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

Monday's Board meeting also was a study session on trauma-informed schools. In a trauma-informed school system, the adults are trained to recognize and respond to students who have been impacted by traumatic stress. Teaching staff led the Board through an examination of what it means to be a trauma-informed staff member.

Earlier this fall, Jim Sporleder, former principal at a school in Washington state, met with district administrators and gave a public presentation. The educator turned around an at-risk high school in Walla Walla by making a positive impact on the lives of students who came from extremely challenging backgrounds. The high school became a place where students impacted by trauma could learn at a high level, had fewer suspensions, had a higher graduation rate and more students went on to post-secondary education.

A documentary, titled *Paper Tiger*, has been made about Sporleder's work in Walla Walla.

The Board voted to support the USD 308's training and implementation activities as a trauma-informed school district.

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Also during Monday's meeting, the Board:

- Approved the monitoring report for Results 2 – Math.
- Approved minutes of the Nov. 13, Board meeting.
- Approved a submitted grant application.
- Approved the sale of surplus electronics to a technology recycler. As part of the contract, the buyer has to guarantee the hard drives are cleaned of any data to Department of Defense standards.
- Approved a new organization request for a chess club at Hutchinson Middle School.
- Approved a five-year contract for i-Ready Reading Instruction and Diagnostic i-Ready Instruction Diagnostics Teacher Toolbox.
- Approved the Treasurers Report for October 2017.
- Reviewed Board-Superintendent Relation No. 1 – Single Point of Connection; No. 2 – Unity of Control; No. 3 – Staff Accountability; and No. 4 – Authority of the Superintendent.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

Resignations

- Daniel Ackland, Principal, Faris Elementary, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Michelle Ackland, Teacher, Hutchinson Middle School – 8, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Mandy Malone, Teacher, Hutchinson Middle School – 8, effective end of 2017-18 school year

Retirements

- Jean Gaeddert, Instructional Coach/Instructional Support, Avenue A Elementary, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Dalia Garcia, Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective end of 2017-18 school year
- Joseph Woody, Teacher, Hutchinson Middle School – 7, effective end of 2017-18 school year

Gifts to Schools

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

- Work and office supplies, valued at \$300, from Arconic to Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen.
- School supplies, valued at \$600, from the Hutchinson Police and Fire departments to Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen.
- \$500 from the Rimmer Fund in the Hutchinson Community Foundation to Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen for needs of K-2 students.
- \$750 from the Rimmer Fund in the Hutchinson Community Foundation to Graber Elementary School for needs of K-2 students.
- School supplies, valued at \$350, from Hutchinson Fire Station No. 3 to Avenue A Elementary School
- \$300 and school supplies, valued at \$100, from First United Methodist Church to Avenue A.
- Three bikes, valued at \$300, from First Call for Help to Avenue A as gifts to students.
- Pencil boxes, valued at \$100, from Wal-Mart to Avenue A for student needs.

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- \$269.94 from Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co. to Avenue A for student activities.
- \$400 from the Rimmer Fund in the Hutchinson Community Foundation to Avenue A for needs of K-2 students.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Administration Center. Because of Christmas, there will be only one regular meeting in December.