



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 approves 2018-19 calendar

After tabling an earlier version in February, the Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education Monday (March 12, 2018) approved a 2018-19 calendar that replaces 19 early release days for K-6 students with five full-day professional development/planning time days.

The previous calendar had eight full-release days for elementary students. This calendar drops two of those days and makes a third an early release day.

School for pre-kindergarten through ninth grade begins on Aug. 16. Sophomores through seniors report on Aug. 17. The calendar has a Nov. 21 to 23 off for Thanksgiving and a two-week block (Dec. 24, 2018, through Jan. 4, 2019) off for Christmas-New Years. Spring break will be March 25 to 29, 2019. Hutchinson High School graduation is May 19, 2019, with the final day for students on May 22, 2019.

The academic calendar for 2018-19 is online at <http://www.usd308.com/sites/default/files/AboutDistrict/2018-19%20Calendar%20approved%2003-12-18.pdf>.

Prior to Monday's Board meeting, members saw a demonstration of Clear Touch interactive displays. Clear Touch is the next generation of interactive classroom technology the district will employ to replace electronic white boards that are at or beyond normal life expectancy for the technology.

During the meeting, members voted to spend just under \$940,000 of capital outlay and special education funds to buy 205 Clear Touch Interactive Displays. The purchase price is less than the state-negotiated price for the technology and includes training.

Also Monday, the Board:

- Heard a Continuous Improvement Report from Hutchinson High School.
- Approved a resolution to sell the 2017 Building Trades home.
- Approved minutes of the Feb. 26, 2018, Board meeting.
- Approved the continuation grant for Head Start and Early Head Start.
- Approved the Head Start and Early Head Start self-assessment action plan.

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- Tabled a request for three additional secondary courses for 2018-19. Members had concerns about a project-based learning elective focused on Boy Scout merit badges at Hutchinson Middle School. Board members wanted to make sure the district had proper permission to use the Boy Scout materials.
- Voted 4-3 against making a Project Gemini II application with the Kansas State Department of Education. Project Gemini II allows districts to reimagine and redesign schools, and district applications need at least one elementary and secondary school involved in the application.
- Approved the Accounts Payable Report for February 2018.
- Held executive sessions on negotiations, personnel and district security.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

Hired

- James Gazeway, Biology teacher, Hutchinson High School, effective start of the 2018-19 school year
- Derek Racette, Special Education teacher, Hutchinson High School, effective start of the 2018-19 school year
- Abby Thompson, Assistant Principal, Hutchinson Middle School – 7, effective start of the 2018-19 school year
- Cassandra Castaneda, Title 1 Educational Aide, Wiley Elementary School, effective March 1, 2018
- Chelsea Graber, Daycare Assistant, Hutchinson High School Daycare, effective March 2, 2018
- Kaylie Armstrong, CSS Para, Graber Elementary School, effective March 8, 2018
- Jeffrey Pelischek, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective Feb. 28, 2018
- William Anshutz, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective March 9, 2018
- Kent Mayfield, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective March 9, 2018
- Cierra Tafolla, Substitute Daycare Assistant, Hutchinson High School, effective March 12, 2018

Resignations

- Angela Gastineau, Teacher, Grade 1, Wiley Elementary School, effective end of the 2017-18 school year
- Rachel Hill, Teacher, Grade 3, Graber Elementary School, effective end of the 2017-18 school year
- Carrie Mourn, Teacher, Grade 2, Faris Elementary School, effective end of the 2017-18 school year
- Kim Hopengardner, Resource Room Para, McCandless Elementary School, effective March 2, 2018
- Elaine Doty, Modified Para, Hutchinson High School, effective March 6, 2018
- Tasha Wessel, Receptionist/Activities Secretary, Hutchinson High School, effective May 25, 2018

Position Changes

- Deb Stoughton, from Special Education Modified at Hutchinson High School, to Special Education Resource at Hutchinson High School, effective start of the 2018-19 school year

- Megan Doyle, from Special Education at Avenue A Elementary School, to Special Education at Hutchinson High School, effective start of the 2018-19 school year

Gifts to Schools

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

- Tissue paper, envelopes, stickers and Valentine's Day cards valued at \$200 from Susan Boesker to Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen for teacher and student use.
- The *Guinness World Records 2018* book from Jo Higgins to the Hutchinson Middle School – 7's library.
- *The Best Place to Read* book from Kristy Farley to Faris Elementary School's library.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be April 9. The normal second meeting in March falls during Spring Break and has been canceled.