



*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 Don Michael improvements

The Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education approved a plan to put artificial turf on Don Michael Field during its final regular meeting of the 2017-18 school year Monday (June 25, 2018). The proposal also included a planned renovation of the Don Michael track.

The Board approved spending \$1,229,370.36 on the turf and track out of capital outlay funds.

The Board looked at two different proposals. One proposal would use a turf product similar to that used at Gowans Stadium. This turf and track proposal would cost \$998,875.36.

The second proposal, costing \$1,229,370.36, included the same track product but also featured an improved playing surface for field sports. The improved playing surface improves shock absorption, reducing injuries, including concussions. The more expensive product also lowers turf temperatures during hot weather by 20 degrees, increasing player and game officials' safety. The Board adopted this second proposal.

Last fall, the Board discussed replacing the track and adding turf to the field, but tabled the matter. Monday's meeting was the final meeting of the current fiscal year, leading to the discussion and subsequent vote.

Don Michael Field is considered a community asset. Unlike Gowans Stadium, the track at Don Michael is available to the public for walking and running when there are no games or practices by USD 308 teams or contracted events.

Additionally, the new turf will be marked both for football and soccer, providing a surface that can be played upon shortly after heavy rain. Gowans has not been marked for soccer.

Also during Monday's meeting, the Board:

- Approved minutes of the June 11, 2018, meeting.
- Approved submitted grant application.
- Approved purchase of leveled readers to support small group instruction at the district's elementary schools.

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- Approved the program agreement between Head Start/Early Head Start and Horizons Mental Health Center to provide therapy services.
- Approved the program agreement between Head Start and ABC Counseling to provide therapy services.
- Approved the purchase of English language arts workbooks for kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Approved the worker's compensation renewal with Fee Insurance, underwritten by United Heartland. Because of claims, the cost for 2018-19 increased by \$58,527 to \$276,920.
- Approved the annual end-of-year fund raiser report for the district. Various fundraisers in the district raised \$167,659.73 in 2017-18.
- Approved the chiller compressor replacement for Hutchinson Middle School – 7 for \$27,729. This is a planned replacement, budget through the district's capital outlay fund.
- Approved final budget transfers for the 2017-18 fiscal year.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report for May 2018.
- Approved Governance Culture No. 10 – Governance Cost.

### **Personnel Report**

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

#### **Hired**

- Keanu Bradley, physical education teacher, Hutchinson High School, effective start of the 2018-19 school year
- Keland Smith, Custodian/Night, Hutchinson Middle School – 7, effective June 14, 2018

#### **Resignations**

- Melissa Abousamra, grade 2 teacher, Morgan Elementary School, effective end of the 2017-18 school year
- Roy Abousamra, Resource Room Para, Morgan Elementary School, effective May 23, 2018

### **Gifts to Schools**

- \$100 from Darren Wicks to the Hutchinson Career and Technical Education Academy for the Family and Consumer Sciences Brain Architecture Game.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6 p.m. July 9.