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Board hears preliminary improvement plans for outdoor district facilities

The Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education learned Monday (Aug. 28, 2017) district staff have been working the past year on an improvement plan for outdoor facilities.

The improvements will include converting the competition soccer field at the Salthawk Sports Complex near 23rd and Severance to artificial turf. That field is used by Hutchinson High School, Hutchinson Middle School, community groups, including Club Azzurri Soccer, as well as Hutchinson Community College. When the Salthawk Sports Complex opened about 20 years ago, HHS was the only interscholastic soccer program in the community.

Financing for the improvements will be possible through reserve funds. Estimated cost of the improvements was set at \$3.275 million.

When the soccer fields were developed for competition nearly two decades ago, few artificial turf fields existed in Kansas and coaches at that time preferred grass. Over time, preferences have changed, and the Salthawk Sports Complex is one of the few natural grass soccer competition surfaces for Class 5A or 6A schools in Kansas. The competition soccer field would have lighting.

Similarly, the existing football playing surface for competitive games at Don Michael Field near 17th and Severance would be converted to artificial turf under the proposal with lighting added to the field. A second field with artificial turf for physical education classes, band practice, baseball and softball practice, football practice and soccer practice will be installed to the east of the current Don Michael playing field. It would not have lighting.

The Don Michael playing field is used for Hutchinson Middle School regular season football games and practices as well as community groups for games and practice. The all-weather track around the football field is heavily used for practice, by the community for exercise and by some area schools and groups for meets.

The current generation of turf provides two advantages.

1. Lowers maintenance

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2. New technologies reduce playing field temperatures

During the district's 2006 bond issue, no direct improvements were made to district athletics facilities. The HHS tennis courts and the running track at Don Michael Field were upgraded with capital outlay funds.

In addition to HCC and Club Azzurri, regular users of district activities facilities include the Hutchinson Recreation Commission and the Hutchinson YMCA.

Monday's presentation was information only for the Board. The proposal will be presented at a later meeting for possible approval.

Also during Monday's meeting, the Board approved a tax levy for the district of 54.998 mills, down slightly from 55.168 mills in 2016-17. The approval came after a brief public hearing.

The district will see additional state funds aimed at the classroom for the first time in three years. The 2017 Legislature approved an increase to the base state aid per pupil after two years of block grants that froze the state's contribution to local districts.

In other action, the Board:

- During his Superintendent Report, Gary Price told the Board that very preliminary – and unofficial – enrollment numbers show the district's headcount about 50 students lower than 2016-17. Because kindergarten enrollment is now counted as 1.0 student instead of 0.5 student, the district may see a headcount increase of about 100 at this point. The formal count day is Sept. 20, 2017, but the count will not be official until mid-October.
- Approved the sale of usable surplus property through the online services or other disposal for equipment that is worn out/broken beyond repair.
- Approved the annual program agreement with the YMCA. Hutchinson High School's swim classes and competitive swim teams use the YMCA, which is adjacent to HHS.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report for July 2017.

Personnel Report

The Board approved the following personnel changes.

Hired

- Clare Goering, Assistant Girls Tennis Coach, Hutchinson High School, effective start of 2017-18 school year
- Dustin Woodward, Assistant Track Coach, Hutchinson Middle School - 8, effective start of 2017-18 school year
- Sheri Corwin, Hearing Impaired Para, Hutchinson High School, effective Aug. 17, 2017
- Tamara Flager, Title 1 Educational Aide, Lincoln Elementary, effective Aug. 17, 2017
- Jill Stade, CSS Para, Hutchinson High School, effective Aug. 21, 2017
- Holley Angel, Resource Room Para, Morgan Elementary, effective Aug. 22, 2017
- Reginald Fredericks, Certified Teacher Substitute, District, effective Aug. 18, 2017
- Breighanna Steadman, Permanent Para Substitute, Educational Services Center, effective Aug. 23, 2017
- Melanie Howell, Assistant Baker, Hutchinson Middle School - 7, effective Aug. 24, 2017
- Allison Neuway, Substitute Teacher Assistant/Childcare, Head Start, effective Aug. 24, 2017
- Meliza May, Daycare Assistant, Hutchinson High School, effective Aug. 28, 2017

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- Paula Windholz, Modified Para, Avenue A Elementary, effective Aug. 28, 2017
- Brenda Venegas-Victorio, ESL Aide, Hutchinson Middle School - 8, effective Aug. 29, 2017
- Reba Gunzinger, Modified Para, Avenue A Elementary, effective Aug. 30, 2017
- Autumn Dixon, Resource Room Para, Wiley Elementary, effective Aug. 28, 2017
- Arabia Lydic, Educational Aide, Wiley Elementary, effective Aug. 29, 2017
- Kierra Stokes, Emergency Substitute Teacher, District, effective Aug. 29, 2017
- Felicia Giroux, Resource Room Para, Wiley Elementary, effective Aug. 29, 2017
- Ashley Stevens, Substitute Secretary and Daycare Assistant, District, effective Aug. 28, 2017

Resignations

- Gary Cornelsen, Assistant Football Coach, Hutchinson High School, effective start of 2017-18 school year
- Jack Miller, Science Teacher, Reno County Youth Services, effective Sept. 1, 2017
- Roxanne Cardonne, Title 1 Educational Aide, Faris Elementary, effective Aug. 31, 2017
- Corrine George, Modified Para, Avenue A Elementary, effective Aug. 21, 2017

Position Changes, From, To

- Crystal Hackler, Resource Para/Wiley, Resource Teacher/Hutchinson Middle School - 7, effective August 21, 2017
- Juanita Adams, ESL Aide/Faris-Graber Elementary, ESL Aide/Lincoln Elementary

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be a 6 p.m. Sept. 11.