

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 13, 2015



SUPERINTENDENT AWARDS:

Each month, teachers may nominate students for the Superintendent's Award. The award is given in recognition of outstanding personal accomplishments. Recipients for April were: Katelyn Gardner, second grade; Kalya Lafayette, sixth grade; Jazmine Compton, seventh grade; and Makena Northern, ninth grade.

ACTION:

- ▶ Approved minutes of the March 9, 2015, school board meeting and notes of the March 16, 2015, Board work session.
- ▶ Acknowledged the staff resignations of: Beth Metzger effective March 30, 2015; Melissa Shaw effective June 12, 2015; Wynetta Blakley, effective June 30, 2015; and the hire of Delores Porch, a temporary, part-time, office assistant at the high school for the remainder of the school year.
- ▶ Surplused school buses #2, #5, #7, #14 and #18. Buses #2 and #18 will be used for trade-in on the newer buses being purchased from Western Bus Sales.

BUSINESS/REPORTS:

- ▶ Director of Facilities, Bart Rothenberger, reported work on the district office was moving forward with wiring and HVAC replacement, new door, alarm system and siding replaced on the south wall of the building. He noted the elementary gym leak will be repaired this summer and all exterior bleachers will be checked for safety. It was reported Booster Club raised over \$20,000 from the annual Booster Club Auction.
- ▶ Principal Zwemke reported the counseling office was making great strides in assisting students with career choices and the focus on student outcomes has accelerated due to these efforts. The English and Social Studies teachers are pairing up as a Humanities Department as another way to move towards providing individualized learning for all students.
- ▶ Principal O'Brien reported the job fairs the Administrators recently attended went well. They made numerous positive connections and interviews for teachers are taking place this week. The elementary continues to work towards it's goal to have Smartboards in all classrooms with training to be provided next fall. It was noted the students raised \$2,141.00 in pennies for the NICU unit, RiverBend Hospital, Springfield. Ms. O'Brien reported elementary teacher, Ashley Shofner, had been chosen by LearnZillion to work for this company this summer! LearnZillion, a web based platform, showcases short videos targeting specific skills that help students learn and teachers teach. She will be helping to write math lessons for this program.
- ▶ Deputy Clerk, Celeste Van Cleave, reported on the revenue and expenditures for the previous month. She noted the Board of Education function had spent \$24,000 this past month from an average \$9000. This was due to teachers taking advantage of the District's tuition agreement and the overnight stay teacher contract incentives. She is currently working on the 2015-16 Budget and will have budget books ready for committee members to pickup April 27. The first budget committee meeting is scheduled for May 4. The Superintendent commented the District would be receiving less in Title and Focus School funds (approximately \$85,000) next year. There is also the concern for our student enrollment which is down 50 students from this time last year. With mandatory kindergarten next year we should pickup a possible 20 ADM. Next year's budget will be tight but he is hopeful it will not affect students.
- ▶ Superintendent Gardner reported Habitat for Humanity had declined to participate in the Brownsville project. He is currently reaching out to Willamette Neighborhood Housing as a possible partner. He has received a preliminary proposal from an architect which will assist the District in estimating costs for replacing/building new schools. He reported the District had recently purchased 90 Chrome books for K-12 students to use. In discussing the new Smarter Balance testing, Mr. Gardner cautioned the Board that next year's test results will be skewed as it is a different test. Students have not been fully exposed to the content of the test. Two years ago the state moved to Common Core making our curriculum obsolete. Since that time staff have been working diligently to map our curriculum to the state standards.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS WITH SUPERINTENDENT GARDNER - TOPIC BUDGET INPUT
APRIL 27, 6:30 P.M. BROWNSVILLE CITY HALL
MAY 13, 6:30 P.M. HALSEY CITY HALL

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAY 11, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.