



Board at Work

News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

April 10, 2002

Board honors leaving members, swears in the new

The Pattonville Board of Education honored two friends who dedicated countless hours of their time to Pattonville children while on the board, and then welcomed one incumbent and two new board members to the team during the April 9 meeting.

The board bid farewell to and recognized Randy McArthur, who served on the board for two and a half years, as well as Robert Drummond, who dedicated 30 years of volunteer service to the school board before retiring this month.

Representatives from the Pattonville National Education Association (PNEA) also honored both men.

“It will be strange to be home on Tuesday nights,” Drummond said in parting remarks. “I’m very proud of Pattonville and I’m very proud of what Pattonville did for my own children. It was wonderful serving with this board.”

Ron Kuschel, an incumbent who served as secretary to the board, along with newcomers Jeff Fitterling and Michael Stewart, were sworn into office and welcomed onto the board. The three were elected to office during the April 2 election.

Kuschel, who lives in Maryland Heights, has served on the board for 9 years. He is employed as an administrative contracting officer at Defense Contract Management at Boeing Aircraft Co. He and his wife, Bobbie, are the parents of three Pattonville graduates.

Fitterling, who lives in Bridgeton, joins the board for his first term. He and his wife, Kim, have two children who attend Bridgeway Elementary. He is president of JMF Enterprises.

Stewart, who lives in Maryland Heights, is also beginning his first term. He and his wife, Malissa, have four children, two of whom attend Parkwood Elementary School. He is pastor of Brookside Baptist Church.



Above, former Board President Kathy Fitzgerald swears in newly elected board members. From left, they are Michael Stewart, Jeff Fitterling and Ron Kuschel.

The board also elected officers on April 9. Ralph Stahlhut was elected president of the Pattonville Board of Education, and Kuschel was elected vice president. Kuschel will retain the office of secretary until the board elects a new secretary and treasurer this summer. Pat Bryant currently serves as treasurer.

Also at the board meeting, Kuschel was appointed as Pattonville's representative to the Governing Council of Special School District. Bryant was appointed to be the board's representative on the Pattonville Education Foundation. Fitterling was elected as Pattonville's delegate to the Missouri School Boards Association, and Keith Gillming was appointed as alternate delegate to the Missouri School Boards Association.

End of year calendar revised due to no snow days

A mild winter will enable students in the Pattonville School District to get out of classes a few days earlier this year.

Three emergency days were built into this year's school calendar. Because no emergency days were used to cancel classes during the 2001-2002 school year due to inclement weather, the calendar needed to be revised to subtract three days from the end of the school year for student attendance.

Under the changes, the last day of attendance for students in grades kindergarten through 11 is Thursday, May 23. Final exams for seniors will take place May 15 through 17. Final exams for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take place on May 20 through 23. Graduation is set for May 23 at UMB Bank Pavilion (formerly Riverport Amphitheatre).

Safety evaluation shows progress

An evaluation of Pattonville's safety program shows that staff met recommendations made last spring. The recommendations included:

- Support replacement of obsolete and potentially unsafe equipment and facility components through the operating budget and bond issue funds;
- Continue fire, tornado, earthquake and lockdown drills for all students and staff; and
- Improve training for all employees in building security and personal safety.

"Our efforts both past and in the future are directed by the Missouri School Improvement Program Standard 8.0, which says 'district facilities are safe,'" said Jim Siervo, director of facilities. "Everyone in this district works to that goal."

In the past few years, Pattonville has added several components to its safety program, including identification badges for all staff and secondary students; expanded presence of school resource and security officers at high school and middle schools; addition of lockdown drills in all schools; the development of crisis management plans for all schools that are reviewed and updated annually; and the creation of a district safety committee to review and make recommendations on various safety-related issues.

Four recommendations were made as a result of the evaluation of the safety program. They are:

- Continue safety committee meetings;
- Conduct safety inspections in all buildings;
- Update crises plans for all buildings; and
- Provide additional security cameras in the schools.

Board OKs salary schedules for paraprofessionals

The Board of Education on April 9 approved salary schedules for paraprofessionals working in Pattonville. Paraprofessionals assist teachers working with students being served by Special School District. The pay range on the Paraprofessional I schedule is \$9.50 to \$17.96 an hour, topping out at Step 19. The pay range for the Paraprofessional II schedule is \$9.60 to \$15.09 an hour, topping out at Step 11.

Kinney's Corner

Update from Superintendent Hugh Kinney

Dear Pattonville family,

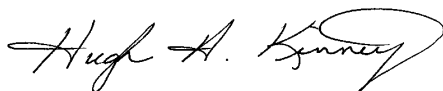
I would like to share with you a few of the great things happening in Pattonville.

- A recent safety inspection netted a rating of 98 percent on first inspection and total inspection rate of 100 percent for the day. Because of this, Pattonville will receive a “Fleet Excellence Award” from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Congratulations to Mechanic Supervisor Doug Glass, mechanics Michael Connelly, Mike Greifzu, and Stephan O’Brien and Transportation Director Steve Gerke on making sure our buses are safe for kids.
- Congratulations also go to all of our Pride of Pattonville Award winners:

Harriet Polleschultz – Remington teacher	Mary Kinsella - volunteer
Connie O'Dell - volunteer	Sugar Smith – high school teacher
Steve Schulte – high school teacher	Paul Simpkins – Holman teacher
Pat Bryant - volunteer/board member	Debra Ebel – assistant superintendent
Tammy Overstreet – volunteer /Briar Crest library clerk	
Nancy Henley – Learning Center financial assistant	
- Rose Acres students and their teachers are making the news. Tune into PBS Channel 9 this Friday (April 12) at 4 p.m., and you'll see some Rose Acres students who are members of S.W.A.T. (Students Working as A Team) being featured in an episode of the PSB children’s television show, “Zoom!” They will be highlighted for their community service work. S.W.A.T. is a service-oriented club sponsored by teachers Lisa Stahlhut, Amanda Penziol and Nicole Daniel.

I continue to be very proud of the work you are doing in our schools to help students achieve. Thank you for your hard work and the focus you’ve put on doing what’s best for kids. As we enter the MAP testing cycle, keep up the good work and encourage your students to truly demonstrate what they know and can do while taking the tests. You make a difference every day, and I thank you.

Sincerely,



Hugh A. Kinney, Ed.D.

Business Bits

Policy Updates

- **Policy IGCA-R (Summer School Procedures)**—The board approved a change that will allow for two payroll checks for summer school rather than three to reflect the change in the summer school program from six weeks to four.

Bids Awarded

The board awarded the following bids during its April 9 meeting:

- \$456,613 to Shay Roofing for work to be completed at Pattonville Heights Middle School (a bond issue project)
- \$5,472 to School Solutions for art tables for the new elementary school
- \$305,044 to Ponder Equipment for school buses for the 2002-2003 school year
- \$10,797.75 to Zones, Inc., and \$52,768 to Software Plus for computer software
- \$17,565.08 to Corporate Interiors for high school furniture
- \$6,500 to Information Systems Group for an IBM 6400 Line Matrix Printer
- \$9,339 to CDS Office Technologies for a Perle 833AS access server

Renewals

The board approved the following renewals for the 2002-2003 school year during its April 9 meeting:

- An agreement with Hal Wagner Studios for middle school pictures
- A drug and alcohol testing agreement with SSM Health Care
- An agreement with Interstate Studios for elementary picture packets
- A diesel fuel agreement with Energy Petroleum for \$40,000

Paying the Bills

The board approved paying the following bills during its April 9 meeting:

- Regular bills in the amount of \$623,124.50
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$56,265.61

New Hires

- **Lara Corvera**, speech/theatre, High School
- **Emily Biver**, math, High School
- **Lisa Fiquette**, paraprofessional, Bridgeway