



News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

August 14, 2002

Drummond dedication announced

A dedication ceremony for the newly opened Drummond Elementary School will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29 in the multipurpose room. The event will be held prior to the school's open house, which is set to begin at 6:45 p.m. the same evening.

Drummond is the first new school opened in the Pattonville School District in approximately 30 years. The school will educate an estimated 568 students in its first year when classes begin Aug. 19. Consisting of 97,000 square feet, the elementary school is located on 17 acres on St. Bridget Lane in St. Ann. It was designed by the architecture firm of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas and built by Fru-Con. Jim Schwab is the principal, and Karen Hall is the assistant principal.

Last April, the Pattonville Board of Education voted to name the new school Robert Drummond Elementary after a long-time board member who had recently retired from board service. Mr. Drummond served the Pattonville School District and its families for 30 years. He will be on hand at the ceremony.

Board discusses plaque suggestion

The Board of Education on Aug. 13 discussed a wording change proposed by Board Member Jeff Fitterling to a plaque that has been created for Drummond Elementary's dedication ceremony on Aug. 29.

The plaque was created following board policy, which states, "plaques for facilities created cooperatively with another governmental agency will also include recognition of the other agency."

Fitterling made the motion to waive board policy and change the current wording, "Robert Drummond Elementary was built using funds from the city of St. Louis as part of the Lambert Airport expansion plan. The city purchased Carrollton Elementary and Carrollton Oaks Elementary schools as part of this expansion plan and provided funding for Drummond Elementary as a replacement school."

Fitterling proposed changing the wording to read, "Robert Drummond Elementary was built as a replacement for Carrollton and Carrollton Oaks elementary schools as part of the city of St. Louis Lambert Airport expansion project."

The board voted to leave the wording as it is currently written on the completed plaque.

Update given on support staff tuition reimbursement

The Board of Education on Aug. 13 received an update on the use of educational assistance funds for support staff for the 2001-2002 school year. According to the report, six staff members received a total

of \$3,223.80 for tuition reimbursement for courses taken last year. The board budgeted \$3,500 for reimbursements last year, and increased the budget to \$4,000 for 2002-2003.

Pattonville Heights gives plan update

Pattonville Heights Middle School Principal Scot Mosher and representatives from his school improvement team were on hand at the Aug. 13 school board meeting to give an update on the school's improvement plan and progress to date.

The report showed that five years of data from the seventh grade Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) communication arts test indicate the school is making progress toward the goal that all students are proficient readers. The number of student scoring in advanced and proficient levels on the communication arts test is continually increasing. Data also indicates that lower-achieving students are improving at a significant rate. The school will continue to focus on increasing achievement for students who need more challenge. The report also showed that the number of office referrals and out of school suspensions has decreased significantly since 1997.

Non-resident tuition rates set

The Pattonville Board of Education set the following tuition rates for the 2002-2003 school year for non-resident students: \$9,577 for students in grades kindergarten through eight and \$9,979 for high school students. Tuition rates are based on Pattonville's actual per pupil expenditure.

Contract for substitutes approved with SSD

A contract between Pattonville and the Special School District (SSD) was approved by the Pattonville Board of Education for substitute teachers and paraprofessionals for the 2002-2003 school year. The contract enables Pattonville to hire and provide substitute teachers and paraprofessionals for SSD personnel working in Pattonville with compensation being provided by SSD.

Land dedication OK'd to move forward with expansion

Plans are in place to expand the parking lot at Briar Crest Elementary School. In order to receive final approval from St. Louis County for the parking lot to proceed, a 15-foot strip of land between Adie Road and Briar Crest Elementary will have to be dedicated to St. Louis County for possible future expansion of Adie Road. The board voted on Aug. 13 to approve the dedication of the land strip for use by St. Louis County for such a project.

Kinney's Corner

Update from Superintendent Hugh Kinney

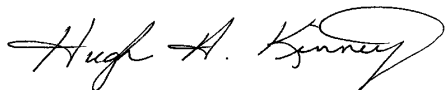
Dear Pattonville family,

Welcome back! We have another great year in store, a year filled with great people doing great things for our kids. Here's a look at what's happening:

- We had a wonderful all-staff orientation session this morning, and I want to thank all the teachers and support staff who played a role in setting just the right tone for our new school year. Welcome back to everyone.
- Yesterday, I reviewed a preliminary class size report based on enrollment figures to date, and I'm very pleased with the student to teacher ratios that exist. Pattonville has set desirable standards for class sizes that include a ratio of 18 to 20 students in kindergarten and first grade; 20 to 23 in second grade; and 20 to 25 in grades three through 12. I'm happy to report that at the elementary level, we have 94 classes that are smaller than our desired ratio and 40 that are at the desired ratio. None are over ratio. This is great news for our students.
- We'll be celebrating the opening of our newest elementary school, Drummond Elementary, at a dedication ceremony at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29. It will be held prior to the school's open house at 6:45 p.m. This is a great time for us to celebrate and look forward to a wonderful future in our new school.
- The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education named recently retired board member, Robert Drummond, a Pioneer in Education. Mr. Drummond selflessly served Pattonville and its children and families for 30 years before retiring from the board last April.

Monday is our first day of classes, and I know everyone is excited to see our children back in our classrooms and hallways. We are all eager to greet them with open arms and newfound inspiration and motivation to do our very best for each and every child. Let's stay committed to "Student Success...One Child at a Time." Have a great year!

Sincerely,



Hugh A. Kinney, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Business Bits

Policy/Procedures

The board approved the following policy and procedure on Aug. 13:

- **Policy JHCCA (Student Exemption from Participating in Physical Activities)** – This new policy states: "No child will be excused from P.E. for more than three consecutive days without a doctor's note. The doctor's note should specify if the limitation of physical activity should apply to other portions of the school day, i.e. recess, intramurals, etc. If the doctor's note does not contain such information, the school nurse will use her/his professional judgment regarding

participation in other activities to ensure the child's health and safety. The child's parents will be notified. If recess is restricted for an elementary child, alternative activities will be offered the child consistent with the physical needs displayed. The restrictions will continue throughout the period designated by the doctor, or if the doctor does not indicate an end date in the initial request, the restriction will continue until the school receives a written release from the doctor. The nurse will fill out and distribute an activity restriction form to help ensure that important information regarding the child's limitations are communicated to the appropriate staff members."

- **Procedure JHCC-R-3 (Pediculosis)** – The approved change adds the following statement: "All students returning to class must be checked by the nurse or health care professional."

Bills Paid and Change Orders Approved

The Board of Education approved paying the following on Aug.13:

- \$2,895,591.43 for the payment of regular bills;
- \$77,732 for 60 percent of the annual membership dues for Cooperating School Districts for the 2002-2003 school year;
- \$3,000 for annual membership dues for the National School Boards Association for the 2002-2003 school year;
- \$4,799 to Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis and Giljum for legal services; and
- \$161,390.29 for change orders for Phase I bond issue projects.

Contracts Awarded

The board awarded the following bids during its Aug. 13 meeting:

- \$18,447.84 to Miller Elevator for an elevator maintenance agreement renewal;
- \$54,512.40 to Unisource, \$10,795.20 to Ambassador Envelope, \$28,186 to Shaughnessy, \$4,700.50 to Xpedx, and \$68,932.50 to Case Paper for printing paper supplies;
- \$5,698.67 to Froesel Tires and \$14,952.50 to MFR Tire for new tires, tubes, recaps and service;
- \$29,710 to Able Computers for PC computers;
- \$63,095 to Fry & Associates for playground equipment at Drummond Elementary; and
- A contract with Hal Wagner for high school student picture packets for the 2002-03 school year.

New Hires

- **Sheila McAdory**, custodian, Learning Center
- **Raymond Barsh**, bus driver
- **John Barton**, bus driver
- **Deborah Clark**, bus driver
- **William Donahoe**, bus driver
- **William Martin**, bus driver
- **James Shapiro**, bus driver
- **Lawrence Sykes**, bus driver
- **Kathryn Koslow**, bus aide
- **Jodi Tedeschi**, bus aide
- **Mike Regina**, physical education, Briar Crest and Willow Brook
- **Lynda Polys**, early childhood special education teacher, Rose Acres
- **Anthony Robinson**, assistant principal, Pattonville Heights
- **Ronald Orr**, director of accounting, Learning Center

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