



News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

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Pattonville earns good audit report

Pattonville received a good review from auditors at Schowalter and Jabouri during a report to the Board of Education on Nov. 26. After auditing the district's financial records for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, auditors said they found no instances of non-compliance with legal requirements or regulations. Auditors said the district's financial statements presented a fair picture of the financial picture of the district and that the district complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. Two suggestions made for strengthening the district's internal controls structure will be implemented, said Ron Mastin, chief financial officer.

Update to district's CSIP plan approved

The Pattonville Board of Education on Nov. 26 approved an update to the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.

The update adds a fifth target to the district's goal for improving student achievement. The addition reads, "Target 5: Vocational education is an integral component of the education program. Indicators: A) Increase the number of vocationally approved programs. B) Increase student enrollment in vocational courses. C) Increase the number of articulation agreements with post-secondary institutions. D) Increase student participation in career and technical student organizations. E) Increase or maintain at a high level post-secondary placement rates."

High school curriculum changes OK'd

Thirty-four courses at Pattonville High School will be revised, deleted or added to the high school course list in the next school year. The Board of Education approved the changes during its Nov. 26 board meeting.

Eleven courses were added. They are English 12, College Prep English 12, Gifted Honors English 12 (Independent Study), Acting 2, Content-Based ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Honors Algebra II, Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Spanish 6, Honors Spanish 7, Consumer Economics and Principles of Engineering.

Eleven courses were deleted. They are Research Paper, Senior Practical English, Contemporary Novel, Guided Reading, Transition Math, Consumer Math I, Algebra IB, Algebra IIB, Credit Union Practicum, Computer Applications II and Service Learning Internship. Twelve courses were revised.

Board approves update to K-8 math curriculum

Revisions to the elementary and middle school mathematics curriculum were approved by the Pattonville Board of Education on Nov. 26. The changes were reviewed by the Curriculum Coordinating Council and recommended for adoption. Dr. Debra Ebel, assistant superintendent for curriculum and assessment, said the revisions provide continuity between the grade levels.

Proclamation honors teacher

A proclamation honoring the accomplishments of a Holman Middle School teacher was approved by the school board on Nov. 26. The proclamation recognized Carol Scherer, a seventh-grade social studies teacher, for receiving the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Scherer was chosen by a selection committee as one of 131 nationwide out of 742 nominees to receive the award.

Band trip gets green light from board

Pattonville High School's band will be headed toward a national competition in Gatlinburg, Tenn., thanks to board approval of the trip on Nov. 26. The students will travel to Tennessee in early April.

Kinney's Corner

Update from Superintendent Hugh Kinney

Dear Pattonville family,

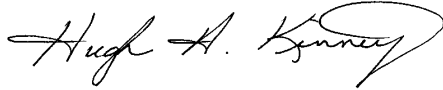
Here's a look at what's happening:

- Congratulations to our three newest Nationally Board Certified Teachers – Geri Evans, a kindergarten teacher at Drummond Elementary, Jennifer Rogers, a third-grade teacher at Drummond Elementary, and Karen Lammert, a math teacher at Pattonville High School. These three join a growing number of teachers who have earned the nation's highest teaching credential after a rigorous year of self-study and assessment. Way to go!
- It was such a pleasure to see all the grandparents and guests who were in our buildings last week for grandparents' days or Thanksgiving special activities. It's easy to see that everyone values our community and considers everyone to be part of our Pattonville family.
- Coming Jan. 6, our new library at Pattonville High School will be open to the community for

after-school use. The facility will be open from 2:13 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and will follow the same calendar as the normal school calendar for openings and closings. I'm excited that our board will be able to bring this resource to our community and fulfill a promise made when our community approved our 2000 bond issue.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving break. I know we're all back and trying to pack as much learning into the three weeks before winter break as possible. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,



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

Business Bits

Approval of bills

The Pattonville Board of Education on Nov. 26 approved the following bill:

- \$55 to Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan and Jackstadt, P.C., for professional services.

Bid Awards

The Pattonville Board of Education on Nov. 26 approved the following bid awards:

- \$85,620 to DRX Technology for an IBM iSeries Server;
- \$11,346.27 to Corporate Express for dry erase boards; and
- \$13,308.45 to Porter Paints for paint and paint supplies.

Policy/Procedures

The Pattonville school board approved the following policy on Nov. 26:

- **Policy IGDJ (Interscholastic Athletics/Activities)** – The words “Weighted or unweighted” were added as a descriptor for grade point averages.

The board also lodged for action the following policies. The board is expected to vote on these items during its regular Dec. 10 board meeting:

- **GBE-R (Staff Health and Safety)** – Proposed changes reflect minor grammatical and wording revisions.
- **GBK (Use of Tobacco Products on School Premises)** – Proposed revisions add the words “health and” in the statement, “Reduce the economic consequences of use of tobacco products for the individual and the school district,” and revises a sentence under policy requirements to read, “Employees while in the presence of students and/or being compensated by the school district are further prohibited from tobacco use on district field trips, activities and athletic events at locations away from school.”
- **GBL (Personnel Records for Professional and Support Staff)** – A proposed revision changes the word “certificated” to “certified.”
- **GBLA (Personnel Records)** – Proposed revisions add the words or phrases, “or designee,” “or as otherwise required by law or court order,” and “the employee’s personnel.”

- **GDEAC (Support Staff Participation in Political Activities)** – The following paragraph is proposed to be removed: “D. Local tax levies and bond issue proposals are not considered ‘political participation’ for purposes of this policy, and section C herein does not apply. A staff member may take an individual position for or against a local tax levy or bond issue proposal.”
- **IA (Instructional Goals/Priority Objectives)** – Proposed revisions make minor wording changes and add the following paragraph: “The goals adopted by the school district correspond closely to those that have been established for all Missouri schools by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The four categories of goals may be related to formalized school experiences or individual attainment. Regardless of the language, responsibility is placed upon both the school and the student. Appropriate outcomes necessitate that citizens, educators and especially the students make wise use of available resources.” New subheadings are also included (intellectual development, physical development, social development, career development, education for the disabled and organization of instruction), along with descriptions of the goals for each of these categories.
- **IF-R-1 (Curriculum Coordinating Council)** – Proposed changes add early childhood as a group for instructional development. In addition, two sentences under the “meetings” heading are revised to read: “3. A quorum is required to take action on recommendations and shall consist of a majority of the staff and parent members plus two (2). 4. The council will work to achieve consensus. All recommendations made to the superintendent by the Curriculum Council must be passed by a 2/3 majority vote of those present at the council meeting.” Membership has been changed to add high school students and the A+ coordinator.
- **IGAC (Teaching About Religion)** – The title of this policy is proposed to be changed from “Sectarian Instruction” to “Teaching About Religion.” Other minor wording changes are recommended.
- **IGBD (At Risk Students)** – The title of this program is proposed to be changed from “Alternative School Programs” to “At Risk Students.”
- **IGBHA (English for Speakers of Other Languages)** – This is a new policy that addresses the education of students with limited or no English-speaking ability.
- **IGDF-R (Student Fund-Raising Activities)** – Minor wording changes are recommended.
- **IGDF-R-E (Fund-Raising Application for Clubs and Organization)** – Minor wording changes are recommended.

The board also approved the review of the following policies and procedure during its Nov. 26 meeting:

- **EG (Office Hours for Schools)**
- **GBE (Safe Facilities and Conditions)**
- **IGA (Basic Instructional Program)**
- **IGDF (Student Fund-Raising Activities)**
- **GDEAC-R (Support Staff Participation in Political Activities)**

Policy IAA (Instructional Priority Goal) was rescinded during the Nov. 26 meeting.

New Hires

- **Louis Cooley**, general maintenance person
- **Janel Barnholtz**, paraprofessional, Bridgeway
- **Jacqueline Steinmetz**, cook, high school
- **Stephanie McCreary**, reading specialist, Holman

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