

Pattonville board names library after late superintendent, Dr. Hugh Kinney

The Pattonville Board of Education on Nov. 27 voted unanimously to name the library at Pattonville High School the “Hugh A. Kinney Community Library” in honor of and dedication to Pattonville’s late superintendent, Dr. Hugh Kinney. The 13,500-square foot library was built with funds from a bond issue approved by voters under Dr. Kinney’s leadership in 2000. The facility opened for student use in October 2002.

“Dr. Kinney left a legacy of focusing on students and student achievement,” said Board President Ron Kuschel. “One of his dreams was to provide our students and community with a new library that would meet their needs and be available to them beyond the school day. That dream came true while Dr. Kinney was superintendent, so it’s very fitting that we name this facility after a man who showed so much dedication to Pattonville students, staff and families.”

The library is open beyond the school day to students and Pattonville residents from 2:13 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays when school is in session. Plans are being made to provide new signage with the name “Hugh A. Kinney Community Library” on the exterior of the building. The board is also exploring revamping the interior hallway entrance so it is more visible and enticing to students and visitors.

A formal dedication ceremony for the public will be planned for the future, after any entrance renovations are completed. More details will be provided on this event as they become available. Dr. Kinney was superintendent in Pattonville for 10 years. He died in June 2007 following complications from treatments for a brain tumor.