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The Monthly Board

Highlight

The Monthly Board Highlight is a summary of the Fayette R-III School Board meeting and is published after each regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. This document can also be found online at the district website: www.fayette.k12.mo.us.



The **mission** of the Fayette R-III School District is to educate all students to be ethical, successful citizens.

The **vision** of the Fayette R-III School District is to ensure that all students are given the necessary means to be prepared for and successful in their next academic challenge.

Public Participation at Board Meetings

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend school board meetings. See Board Policy BDDH for information on participating at Board meetings regarding grievances, written correspondence, agenda items, and public hearings.

Upcoming Meetings

Sept. 19
Oct 17

All Board of Education meetings are held at the Fayette High School Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

A reorganization meeting must be scheduled within two (2) weeks of the April election.

The annual tax rate hearing was held. The assessed valuation of the county is \$54,664,116 which is an increase of \$1,680,979 over 2017. The operating levy ceiling went up by \$0.0234 to \$3.50. The allowable debt service levy is \$1.0546, but the district voluntarily reduced that amount by \$0.2784 to the same amount as the last several years, \$0.7762, which enables the principal and interest payments to be made for the year. The total tax rate for 2018 is \$4.2762. The rate for 2017 was \$4.2528.

Student Board Rep, Jessamin McSwain, gave a detailed report about the various activities that occurred over the summer as well as the Freshmen Orientation and Bootcamp held in readiness for the start of the school year.

Principal Huster shared information on the professional development held recently for the Daly teachers. This is the fourth year the school has been implementing a Professional Learning Community. Principal Doolin reported on the success of the 6th grade orientation session. Together with DES, CMS faculty participated in a scavenger hunt to help all staff get to know one another and begin team work activities. Principal Tray reported that Freshmen Orientation and Bootcamp was attended by nearly all incoming freshmen. This is the second year it has been held to help students transition more successfully into high school. Seniors will have the opportunity to paint their parking spaces again this year once school starts.

The Summer School program served 21 elementary students, 12 students in credit recovery, and 34 in drivers' education. The new Launch program was used in credit recovery. Mrs. Wiseman reported on the required training that was provided during the teacher work days prior to the start of school on board policy, dyslexia, and suicide prevention. Dr. Kevin Daniel presented *Living to Leave a Great Legacy*, which was an inspirational presentation at the end of the last workday. She also announced that the district was chosen to receive \$10,000 from the Americas Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant through Monsanto. Local farmers nominated the district for this grant. A presentation ceremony will be held during an upcoming home football game.

Dr. Kimball reported that Coach V and the football program was selected to receive a 2018 Smarter Football Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase new equipment from Riddell. The program is called *18 in 18*, eighteen teams were selected as recipients in 2018. The operating tax levy election results were shared. Brian Spielbauer, a committee member for the issue, spoke to the board and shared his thoughts and ideas about running the issue again. Changes to the prevailing wage law that went into effect on August 28 were also shared. The district received an Exemplary School Bus Maintenance Award for five years of 100% compliance with the state school bus regulations and safety standards from MoDOT. The YMCA notified the district on August 3 that they would no longer be able to offer the afterschool program at Daly/Clark due to staffing issues. They will consider reestablishing the program when adequate staffing is available. The softball field has been raised and leveled with monies donated by Jay Jacobs with work done by Laserturf Leveling.

The board took the following action:

1. Approved the Annual Secretary of the Board Report.
2. Approved the surplus list as presented.
3. Accepted the bid from Septagon Construction for the CMS ADA bathroom renovation project.
4. Accepted the bid from Ecolab Pest Elimination for termite treatment on the Ag building.
5. Accepted the fuel and motor oil bid Wright's Oil Service.
6. Accepted the bid on vehicle tires from Home Oil Company and bus tires from Jirah.
7. Approved the Social Studies Curriculum Guides for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
8. Approved forming a finance committee to serve in an advisory capacity and strengthen the board's understanding of the financial aspects of the district.
9. Accepted the resignations of para Casey Vroman and bus driver Ruthie Espenschied.
10. Approved the hiring of Christine Linhart as ECSE para and the Sub list as presented.

The board will be sharing the accomplishment of receiving an Outstanding Board of Education Award at the MSBA annual conference in September. Eric McSwain and Michelle Howell will present.