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Pleasant Hill R-III Staff Newsletter

The Latest

Pleasant Hill School District Selects Assistant Superintendent

The Pleasant Hill R-III Board of Education has completed the search for an Assistant Superintendent by naming, Dr. Suzanne Brennaman as Assistant Superintendent. Dr Brennaman has been in public education for 23 years all with the Raytown School District. She has twelve years of elementary classroom experience and eleven years in administration. She has worked as a building principal and a curriculum coach, where she has had many success with building improvement, reading interventions and cultural building. We are excited to add her to our Pleasant Hill team for the 2021-22 school year.

2020-2021 Calendar Adjustment

Dr. Steven Meyers, presented a proposed 2020-2021 District Calendar update to change February 5th as a PD day for teachers. The modification was approved and will now reflect Feb. 5, 2021 as a Professional Development Day with no students in attendance.

2021-2022 School Calendar

The Board approved the proposed 2021-2022 District Calendar. The calendar contains 172 student days, 8 Professional Days and 7 Two Hour Late Starts. The students' first day of classes will be August 24 and the last day will be May 20, with a 3 hour early dismissal. Dismissals for inclement weather will be made up as follows: May 20, May 23, May 24, May 25, May 26 and May 27.

You may view the calendar on the Parent Resources webpage on the District website.

Reports

Knights of Columbus Presentation

Chris Homan of the KoC presented to the board, the organizations annual donation to the SPED department. Director of Special Services, Dr. Lauren Goddard accepted the donation on the departments behalf and provided information on how the funds will be allocated.

Benefits Platform—Digital

Dr. Steve Meyers presented to the board on the district's new digital benefits platform and its helpful features.

ES / PS Roof Bids

Dr. Steve Meyers presented to the board Director of Facilities, Todd Staller's recommendations to replace roof sections of the Elementary and Primary Schools. The board approved the recommendation to complete this project with Cornell Roofing, for the amount of $209,000.

HS Football Uniforms

Dr. Steve Meyers presented to the board, Coach Hamilton's recommendation for new HS football uniforms. The board approved The Graphic Edge for the cost of $27,000.

HS Bleacher Bid—Heartland Seating

Dr. Steve Meyers presented to the Board recommendations to replace the bleachers on the west side of the high school gym. The east side yellow bleacher seats will be replaced with the good west side purple seats. The Board approved Heartland Seating, Inc. from Shawnee, KS for the project for the cost of $125,160.

Board of Education makes Employment Decisions

Superintendent Contract:

The Board of Education renewed Superintendent, Dr. Steve Meyers 3 year contract with a 3% salary increase.

In Closed session, the Board accepted the following resignations, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 School Year.

- *Sarah Hubbard-Zearley, HS SPED Co-Teacher*
- *Heather Camuso, ES 4th Grade Teacher*
- *Sheila Nettleton, IS Nurse*
- *Nick Hanzivasilis, MS Math Teacher*

Board approved the following the following certified positions for the 2021-2022 School Year

- Jana Smith, HS Spanish Teacher
- Emily Bowman, MS Spanish Teacher
- Cassandra Defenbaugh, PS Kindergarten Teacher

Approved the following Extra Duties (Fall Athletic Head Coaches) for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- Patrick Dent, HS Head Cross Country
- Justin Hamilton, HS Head Football
- Christy Reeves, HS Head Softball
- Eric Bloom, HS Head Girls Golf
- Edson Ortiz, HS Head Boys Soccer
- George Creason, HS Head Volleyball

Board Approved Consent Agenda

Consent agenda items approved:

- Minutes of previous meetings
- Financial report, monthly bills and transfer of funds
- Administrative program evaluations – Curriculum, Food Services, Counseling
- Miscellaneous Contracts