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Board at Work



PATTONVILLE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

Pattonville achievement report notes improvements

An evaluation of Pattonville's curriculum and instruction program shows that Pattonville continues to make significant progress in enhancing academic achievement for all students. The Board of Education on Oct. 12 reviewed a report on Pattonville's instructional program. The evaluation showed:

- Pattonville met all state standards for academic performance on the state's standardized tests, the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP);
- Attendance continues to be 94 percent or higher;
- Scores by Pattonville students on the ACT college entrance exam improved significantly from 2000 to 2004, with scores above state and national averages;
- Students scoring 3 or higher on their advanced placement exams increased from 87 students in 2003 to 123 in 2004;
- All Pattonville elementary schools achieved adequate yearly progress as measured under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation; and
- MAP scores have increased or remained stable in all subject areas and grade levels, with significant improvements made by students with disabilities, students eligible for free or reduced lunch, African-American students and gifted students.



Results from the spring 2004 MAP showed that the majority of Pattonville students continue to score above state average in communication arts, mathematics, science and social studies. When compared to the state of Missouri, Pattonville had a higher percentage of students scoring advanced and proficient (the top two scoring levels) and a lower percentage of students at Step 1 and progressing (the lowest two levels) in every tested grade level and subject.

Students taking the MAP can score at one of five levels: advanced, proficient, nearing proficiency, progressing and Step 1. A district's improvement is demonstrated by increasing the number of students scoring advanced and proficient and decreasing the number of students scoring progressing and Step 1 on a particular test. Students are tested in the subjects of communication arts (reading and writing), mathematics, science and social studies.

Several recommendations were made for continuing the momentum:

- Implement building plans to address students at risk of not scoring proficient on the MAP tests;
- Have students write in every content area every week, receive feedback based on an established scoring guide, discuss the quality of their work and read in every content area every week using specific strategies taught by their content teacher;
- Monitor and continue implementation of the Literacy Project strategies with special emphasis on complex reasoning (the Literacy Project is a staff development program that trains all teachers to incorporate reading, writing and complex reasoning into their subject areas); and
- Increase the number of students scoring 3 or higher on advanced placement exams.

First step taken in studying future facility needs

Professionals with SM Wilson General Contractors will be spending time in Pattonville schools in the near future helping the district identify future facility needs and costs associated with any updates and improvements identified as necessary for Pattonville facilities. The company assisted Pattonville in managing the last round of projects completed with funds from the 2000 bond issue.

The Pattonville Board of Education on Oct. 12 approved paying SM Wilson up to \$15,000 for facilities planning services, including:

- Surveying facilities with district staff to determine a list of needs;
- Providing conceptual cost estimating for desired projects at each facility; and
- Assisting legal counsel in establishing an accurate amount for any possible future bond issue.

In other facility news, the board approved conceptual drawings for an activity facility at Pattonville High School and authorized administrators to seek cost estimates for building such a facility. The building will be located parallel to the softball field, directly across from the new science wing.

The proposed 6,000 square foot facility will provide additional space for physical education programs and will be paid for with a one-time expenditure out of the district's reserves. The new facility will include a weight room, a multipurpose room for physical education classes and after-school activities and restrooms that can be accessed by those using the adjacent softball facility. The main impetus for building the facility was to remedy a problem that exists with the current weight room, now located under the football stadium. The weight room, which is used every class period of the day for instruction, currently leaks whenever it rains and every attempt to seal the location has been unsuccessful.

"The current facility is not the best environment for our kids," said Superintendent Hugh Kinney. "It's imperative that we do something to improve the learning environment for our students."

The board also reviewed drawings for a five-bay garage and storage facility that could be built by the high school's home construction class behind their school. The facility would match the maintenance shed the class built last year in the same location.



Kinney's Corner

An Update from Superintendent Hugh Kinney

Here's a look at what's going on in Pattonville:

- Thanks to everyone who participated in Pattonville's Homecoming festivities over the past weekend. What a great community event this has turned out to be. We had a wonderful parade, with representatives from every school and even a couple of alumni groups. Congratulations to Briar Crest Elementary for winning the superintendent's new traveling trophy for best elementary or middle school float. The junior class won the high school trophy. Congrats to the Pattonville Pirates on a 34-13 win over McCluer during the afternoon game! Great job by everyone.
- The Pattonville Education Foundation held its annual golf tournament recently with a record 25 teams participating. What an outstanding job these volunteers do in building financial and community support for innovative programs in our schools. Thanks to the Foundation and all who participated in this event.
- This week, we wrap up our annual camp experience for Pattonville fifth-graders. This program gives our students wonderful learning opportunities in a natural setting and helps prepare them for the boost in independence they will experience when they reach middle school. I appreciate all the staff members and volunteers who make this a great experience for our students.

Hugh A. Kinney



Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 14

Pattonville Heights Book Fair
Remington Chili Supper/Book Fair, 6 p.m.
Drummond PTO Bingo Night, 6:30 p.m.
Rose Acres Kindergarten Parents in Education Night, 6:30 p.m.
Bridgeway PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
High School Financial Aid Awareness Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 15

No school for Holman and Pattonville Heights
Willow Brook Trivia Night, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19

High School National Honor Society Tapping, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 20

High School Powder Puff Football Game, 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 21

Fall parties for Rose Acres early childhood and Briar Crest
55+ Club Dinner Theatre, 5:30 p.m., High School
“The Butler Did It!” High School fall play, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 22

End of first trimester for early childhood, elementary schools and Remington
Fall parties at Drummond, Parkwood, Rose Acres and Remington
Early dismissal for Remington at 11:10 a.m., elementary schools at 11:55 a.m.
Pattonville Heights Football Tournament, 4 p.m.
55+ Club Dinner Theatre, 5:30 p.m., High School
“The Butler Did It!” High School fall play, 7 p.m.
Public Astronomy Night, 7 p.m., planetarium/observatory at Pattonville Heights

Saturday, October 23

“The Butler Did It!” High School fall play, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Pattonville Learning Center
High School All-High School Performing Music Revue, 7 p.m.



Business Bits

Paying the Bills

The Pattonville Board of Education on Oct. 12 approved paying:

- \$1,654,423.99 for regular bills;
- \$87,320.26 for cafeteria bills; and
- \$143,178.78 in change orders for Phase III bond issue projects.

Other

The Pattonville Board of Education on Oct. 12 approved:

- A tuition fee of \$4,800 for students in the Program for Exceptionally Gifted Students (PEGS) to be paid by the school district sending the student to the program;
- A proclamation declaring October 25 through 29 as Red Ribbon Week in Pattonville; Red Ribbon Week is a national week of observance that emphasizes healthy, drug-free life choices by students and adults;
- A proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Pattonville; and
- Recognizing the Pattonville National Education Association (PNEA) as the organization representing teachers in the Professional Studies discussions. These discussions enable the board and certified staff to discuss issues related to salary and policy that impact the teaching staff. The PNEA submitted a list showing that it represents the largest teacher membership with a total membership of 452 staff members for the 2004-05 school year.

Bid Award

The Pattonville Board of Education on Oct. 12 approved the following bid award:

- \$1,428.60 to Office Essentials; \$7,813.86 to Corporate Express; and \$105,415.05 to Desktop Color Systems for printer supplies.

New Hires

- **Jeannie Jones**, clerical assistant, Remington
- **Lisa Carter**, cook, Pattonville Heights
- **Gerald Greenlee**, custodian, Learning Center
- **Ida Cothrine**, confidential secretary, Learning Center

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