



July 14, 2004

# Board at Work



**News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education**

## Changes to behavior guides approved for 2004-05

**C**hanges to the behavior guides for Pattonville students were approved by the Pattonville Board of Education at its meeting on July 13. Pattonville educators annually update the behavior guides, which are distributed to all families at the beginning of a new school year to outline student responsibilities, rights and consequences for violating rules in the guides.

**Major changes at the elementary level are:**

- Modification of the attendance section to specify the work schools will perform to encourage attendance and that attendance issues will be referred to the appropriate state or county office after 15 unacceptable absences.
- Modification to the Level II behavior offenses to specify as inappropriate sexually oriented written or oral communication.

**Major changes at the middle school level are:**

- Modification of the attendance section to specify the work schools will perform to encourage attendance and that attendance issues will be referred to the appropriate state or county office after 15 unacceptable absences.



**Major changes at the high school level are:**

- Modified the admittance standards for Step-Up (after-school program for students on suspension) to allow principals to decide if students involved with weapon possession, fights, assaults or threats may attend Step-Up.
- Removed various forms from the behavior guide (detention, student access, electronic communication). Policies and procedures for these areas remain unchanged.
- Deleted the summary of the juvenile code from the behavior guide.
- Developed criteria for assignment of effort and conduct grades.
- Added a community service requirement (on track to obtain 50 hours) to be eligible for a parking pass.

**Major changes to the Positive School behavior guide are:**

- Adopted a school schedule, which requires all Positive School students to begin the school day at 7:23 a.m.
- Students who obtain 20 demerits are referred to the high school at the beginning of the next semester.

## Board elects new officers

Jeff Fitterling was re-elected secretary of the Pattonville Board of Education at its meeting on July 13. Randy McArthur was elected treasurer. Pat Bryant will remain as president and Ron Kuschel as vice president. Missouri law requires the secretary and treasurer to be elected in July and the president and vice president in April.

## Superintendent granted interim authority

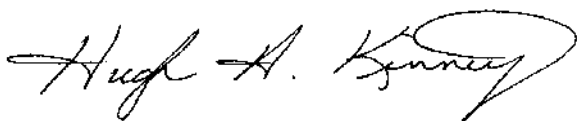
Because the board will not meet again in regular session until after new teacher orientation begins on Aug. 9 and because the District is in the midst of a number of construction projects, the Board of Education on July 13 authorized the superintendent to fill vacant positions and make decisions necessary relative to construction issues between July 14 and Aug. 10. The decisions will be ratified by the board at the Aug. 10 meeting.

## Kinney's Corner

### An Update from Superintendent Hugh Kinney

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

- Thanks to all the staff who made summer school a positive learning experience for our students. There were 438 students enrolled in the enrichment program and 1,714 students who benefited from the regular program.
- Congratulations to Mariam Savabi and Abby Morton who as a team took third place in the Ted Turner Public Forum Debate Team at the National Forensics League competition recently. Congratulations also to Brittany Harris who placed 19th in the nation for Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking. Pattonville students competed against students from 187 teams at Salt Lake City in June.
- Congratulations to Barbara Weekley, science teacher at Pattonville High School, for being selected to demonstrate her human anatomy and forensic science web sites at the Secretary of Education's "No Child Left Behind E-Learning Summit Virtual School House." She along with two of her students, Nikeisha Fortenberry and Shannon Boehmer, and fellow science teacher Jo Ellen Leeke attended the summit in Orlando, Florida this week. The students demonstrated the Web sites and software used in these courses for Secretary of Education Ron Paige. Thanks to Marilyn Terry, director of technology services, for nominating Ms. Weekley and her program. There were six K-12 districts represented at this national conference.
- Construction projects around the district continue to go well and on schedule. We look forward to the completion of all projects.



## Calendar of Events

### Monday-Friday, August 2-6

Holman and Pattonville Heights New Student Enrollment by Appointment  
Elementary New Student Enrollment

### Monday, August 2

Pattonville Heights PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, August 3**

Parkwood PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Pattonville Education Foundation, 7 p.m., Learning Center

### **Wednesday, August 4**

High School Boys Athletic Physicals (A-K, 12-3 p.m.; L-Z, 3-6 p.m.)

### **Thursday, August 5**

High School Girls Athletic Physicals (A-K, 12-3 p.m.; L-Z, 3-6 p.m.)  
High School 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration

### **Friday, August 6**

High School 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration  
Remington Class Lists Posted, 4 p.m.

### **Monday-Thursday, August 9-12**

New Teacher Orientation

### **Monday, August 9**

First Day of High School Fall Sports Practice  
High School 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration  
High School Band Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, August 10**

High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration  
Holman Schedule Pick-Up, 3-7 p.m.  
Pattonville Heights Schedule Pick-Up and Pictures, 3-7 p.m. (Last Name A-L)  
Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Learning Center

### **Wednesday, August 11**

High School New Student Registration Begins by Appointment  
Holman Schedule Pick-Up, 3-7 p.m.  
Pattonville Heights Schedule Pick-Up and Pictures, 3-7 p.m. (Last Name M-Z)

### **Wednesday, August 18**

First day of school

## **Business Bits**

### **Paying the Bills**

The Pattonville Board of Education on July 13 approved paying:

- \$1,753,136.97 for regular bills;
- \$28,857.02 for cafeteria bills; and
- \$7,600 for Phase II and \$255,136.87 for Phase III bond issue change orders.

### **Bid Awards**

The Pattonville Board of Education on July 13 approved the following:

- \$30,218.57 for audio visual equipment (\$16,446.96 to Video Service, \$137.65 to Schillers, \$1,833.37 to Cousin's Video, \$4,917.09 to CDWG and \$6,833.50 to Action Presentations);
- \$20,847.92 for musical instruments (\$3,712.67 to Southwest Strings, \$15,502 to NEMC, \$443 to Washington Music and \$1,190.25 to Music is Elementary);

- \$13,000 estimated total to Arcade Printing for printing and mailing newsprint;
- \$17,280 to Miller Elevator Company for elevator maintenance;
- \$21,216.90 estimated total to MFR Tire for new tires, tubes, recaps and service requirements;
- \$74,220 Ponder Equipment for lease of six special needs diesel school busses;
- \$174,996 estimated total for printing paper supplies (\$77,796 to XPEDX, \$81,128 to Corporate Express, \$7,273 to Unisource and \$8,799 to Ambassador Envelope);
- \$13,158 to Bi-State Utilities for drain work at Willow Brook Elementary;
- \$1,750 to Follett Educational Services for surplus textbooks;
- \$12,000 estimated total to American Boiler for hourly labor rates for HVCA repair services;
- \$985,792.22 estimated total for food products (\$33,361.50 to Interstate/Wonder; \$179.898 to Pevely Dairy; \$2,580 to Interstate; \$2,850 to McKee Foods; \$2,850 to Lance; \$657,163.83 to Kohl Wholesale, \$10,291 to Thomas Coffee; \$24,00 to Donut King, \$34,874.50 to Fortel's Pizza, \$28,999.99 to Papa Johns Pizza and \$9,400 to St. Louis Julep) and
- the purchase of supplies and equipment from the vendors represented in the Catalog Discount Agreement Handbook for the 2004-05 school year.

## **New Hires**

- **Michael Merrells**, maintenance journeyman (locksmith)
- **Marjorie Zubow**, early childhood special education teacher, Drummond
- **Jill Whitman**, sixth-grade teacher, Remington
- **Elizabeth Somich**, seventh-grade science and communications arts teacher, Pattonville Heights
- **Denise Simon**, physical education and health teacher, Pattonville High School

## **Your Board of Education**

- Pat Bryant, President
- Ron Kuschel, Vice President
- Jeff Fitterling, Secretary
- Randy McArthur, Treasurer
- Keith Gillming, Director
- Ruth Petrov, Director
- Ralph Stahlhut, Director