

Board at Work

News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

Dec. 12, 2001

Drummond announces retirement after April election

It was the fall of 1961 when Robert Drummond took his son, little Bobby Drummond, to kindergarten at Carrollton Elementary School in Bridgeton. So marked the beginning of a life-long connection to the Pattonville School District, including 30 years of service on the Pattonville Board of Education. On Dec. 11, 2001, Drummond revealed that he would not seek reelection to the board in April. He made the announcement at the end of the board's regular meeting.



"I went to my first PTA meeting and left that meeting chairman of a committee," said Drummond. "I really didn't intend to stay for so long, but it seemed like every time my term was up, there was something important going on and I wanted to be part of the solution."

During Drummond's tenure on the Pattonville Board of Education, there have been many changes. Under his leadership Pattonville was the first district in the area to establish an alternative high school, to reconfigure from junior highs to middle schools and to open a choice elementary school. He has helped the district lower class sizes, offer full-day kindergarten to all students, reduce the drop-out rate, open the only full-service credit union at a high school in the state and form a partnership to use methane gas from a nearby landfill to heat Pattonville High School. He has helped to lead the district through several successful tax and bond levy campaigns. This money has financed air-conditioning in all Pattonville schools, a community auditorium, a unique learning center and the opportunity to make the latest in technology equipment available to Pattonville students and staff.

Drummond has held every office on the Pattonville Board of Education. He has also served as president of the Missouri School Boards Association and in leadership positions in area-wide programs such as *Characterplus*, the Council for Educational Advancement and Springboard for Learning. Recently he has helped affect a major improvement with the Special School District of St. Louis County. He was also Pattonville's representative on the Special School District's Governing Council, serving two terms as chairman.

Drummond is retired from a 48-year career in the printing and publishing industry. He graduated from Beaumont High School and Washington University and is a World War II veteran. He and his wife, Peggy, are the parents of two Pattonville graduates. This year, Drummond was honored with the 2001 Community Service Award sponsored by Commerce Bank. As part of the award, he received a \$7,500 grant, which he chose to contribute to the Pattonville Education Foundation.

"Being on the board has been an important part of my life," Drummond said of his service to Pattonville children and families. "I'm very proud of the Pattonville School District and its faculty. It's been my pleasure. I've met a lot of nice people. School board people are marvelous people, and I'm glad I've been one."

Physical Education curriculum approved

The Pattonville Board of Education on Dec. 11, approved revisions to the high school physical education curriculum. The high school physical education teachers, under the leadership of Becky Middendorf, department leader for physical education and health, created the revisions. The district's Curriculum Coordinating Council recommended adoption of the changes.

Economic agreement approved with staff

The board approved an economic agreement between the Pattonville Board of Education and the teaching staff on Dec. 11.

The agreement was recommended by the teams (administration and teacher) represented in the Professional Studies Committee and reflects a 7 percent increase in salary for the current school year and a 4 percent increase for the 2002-2003 school year for teachers and teacher assistants. A beginning teacher next school year will earn \$32,000.

Board takes first look at calendar proposals

The Pattonville Board of Education on Dec. 11 took its first look at proposed school calendars for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school years. The district Calendar Committee, which includes teachers, support staff and parents, recommended the proposed calendars.

Highlights of the proposed calendars are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>School Begins</u>	<u>Winter Break</u>	<u>Spring Break</u>	<u>Last Day of School</u>
2002-03	Aug. 19	Dec. 23-Jan.1	March 24-28	May 30-Grades 6-11 June 2-elementary, Remington
2003-04	Aug. 18	Dec. 24-Jan. 2	March 29-April 2	June 1 -Grades 6-11 June 2 -elementary, Remington

Surveys indicated the majority of parents, students and staff preferred the dates listed above for winter break. The board is expected to vote on calendars for the next two years during its Jan. 8 meeting.

Changes OK'd to K-2 Progress Report

Changes to the mathematics section of the primary grade progress report (for grades kindergarten through two) were approved by the Pattonville Board of Education on Dec. 11. The changes were made to align the report criteria with the curriculum being taught at those grade levels.

Middle, High School curriculum changes passed

Twenty-one new classes will be added to the middle school and high school curriculum next year now that the additions have been approved by the Board of Education.

The board approved the additions – including 10 honors and challenge classes at the middle and high school levels – at its Dec. 11 board meeting. The board also approved revisions to 14 classes and the deletion of five.

The new course additions do not require additional staffing, however, some instructional materials will need to be purchased for the new classes. The classes will also require funding for curriculum

writing and staff development, as well as a computer lab for Windows and DOS classes. The costs associated with the new courses will be addressed in the current budget or the proposed budget for next school year.

Band gets “go-ahead” for trip to Chicago

The Pattonville Board of Education on Dec. 11 agreed to allow the Pattonville High School band to take a trip to Chicago, Ill., April 4 through 7. An estimated 175 students will attend the national music festival in Chicago, where they will also perform.

Kinney's Corner

Update from Superintendent Hugh Kinney

Dear Pattonville family,

I would like to share with you a few of the great things happening in Pattonville.

- When members of Pattonville High School’s graduating class of 2002 walk across the stage at Riverport Amphitheatre in May to receive their diplomas, they will be joined by a distinguished class of veterans.

Pattonville will set aside time during this year’s graduation ceremonies to award honorary high school diplomas to veterans who left high school before graduation to serve in the United States military during conflicts abroad. Pattonville is participating in a new state program, called “Operation Recognition,” that is sponsored by the Missouri Veterans Commission and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Pattonville will award diplomas to veterans during its high school graduation ceremonies at 7 p.m., May 23, at Riverport Amphitheatre. Honorary graduates will also receive a medal from the school district in appreciation for service to their country.

The program is open to any resident or former resident of Missouri. Veterans can qualify regardless of whether they attended public or private schools and regardless of whether the school still exists or not.

Family members may apply for an honorary diploma on behalf of a deceased veteran. If you know of someone who would be interested in this honor, please call Mickey Schoonover in community relations at (314) 213-8025 or 1021.

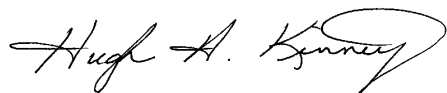
- Thanks to the generosity of countless donors in our community, the Pattonville Education Foundation recently awarded 19 grants to Pattonville educators for innovative programs in the classroom. Grant recipients were honored by the Board of Education on Dec. 11.

The following grants totaled more than \$9,000.

Name	School	Grant Name
Lori Connors	Pattonville Learning Center	ESOL Traveling Library
Kathleen Smith	Pattonville Learning Center	Teens Reading to Their Children
Tracy Carlton	Rose Acres Elementary	Rose Acres Bookstores
Kathy Shearrer and Sandi Bahr	Pattonville High School	Family Science Night
Pat Chambers	Parents As Teachers	Success for Preschoolers
Patty Gould	Pattonville Learning Center	Student Leaders for the Future
Patty Gould and Barbara Schultz	Pattonville Learning Center	Giving Back to Our Community
Mary Tevlin	Rose Acres Elementary	Bingham Day
Erin Mulanax, Jeff Walker, Sara Mirheidary and Shelly Percy	Pattonville High School	Improving Electricity and Magnetism Laboratories
Gail Spink and Carolyn Miller	Remington Traditional School	School-Home Links
Rhonda McAfee and Mary Tevlin	Rose Acres Elementary	Creating Original Opera
Teresa Kozeny and Tammy Lucas	Rose Acres Elementary	Champs Peer Leadership Training
Lierka Panjwani and Carol Watson	POSITIVE School	Community Service
Lisa Zangriles, Paul Simpkins and Ed Stevens	Holman Middle School	History Alive!
Debbie Hauser and Scott Hauser	POSITIVE School	Empowerment through Reading (ETR)
Kim Asbeck-Gindler and Claudia Snyder	Bridgeway Elementary	Music Literacy
Nancy Hammerman, Kim Asbeck-Gindler, Mary Dahlberg, Rob Simpson and Elaine Fitzpatrick	Bridgeway Elementary	Dance Education Materials for Fine Arts MAP
Patricia Johnson and Laura Lancaster	Pattonville Heights Middle School	Sophisticated Ladies Leadership Retreat
Karrie Peters and Mary Kurth	Remington Traditional School	Self-Managers: Ambassadors of Citizenship

I continue to be impressed by all of your efforts to make improvements on behalf of our students. The building-level plans I have seen for improving performance on the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) are outstanding. I personally can see the strong focus we all have on improving achievement for all children. You are going the extra mile. I thank you, the board thanks you and our community thanks you. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,



Hugh A. Kinney, Ed.D.

Business Bits

Paying the Bills

The board approved paying the following bills during its Dec. 11 meeting:

- Regular bills in the amount of \$880,232.66
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$88,468.49
- Renewal of an HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) Filters agreement with RamAir for \$11,308.08

Bid Awards

The board approved the following bid awards during its Dec. 11 meeting:

- \$3.6 million for the electrical package for Phase One Bond Issue Projects to Schneider Electric. This includes updates to the electrical equipment at the high school, Bridgeway, Parkwood, Rose Acres, the maintenance shed and the print shop. Work on updating the electrical systems at these locations will begin in January.

Policy/Procedure Updates

The board approved the following procedures or policies at its Dec. 11 meeting:

- **Policy GCN (Performance-Based Evaluation Philosophy Statement)**-The update reflects a grammatical change in wording.
- **Policy GCP (Voluntary Termination of Employment of Professional Staff)**- The update changes the title of “Director of Personnel” to “Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.”
- **Procedure GCP-R (Voluntary Termination of Employment –Professional Staff)**- The update changes the title of “Director of Personnel” to “Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.”
- **Policy GBEAB (Staff Protection)** – The updates are minor modifications that would make the wording more current.

The board lodged for action revisions to the following procedures or policies:

- **Policy GCL-R-1 (Leave of Absence for Attendance at District-Supported Conferences of State, Regional/National Professional Organizations) and Policy GCB (Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans)** – The revision of these policies was jointly recommended by the Professional Studies Committee and includes a change that provides for international conference attendance. The changes include a limit on district reimbursement of international conference attendance, and any travel outside the continental United States must be pre-approved by the superintendent.
- **Procedure GCBA-R-1 (Advancement of Professional Staff Salary Schedule)** – Proposed revisions change the word “certificated” to “certified” when referring to educational staff.
- **Procedure GCBA-R-2 (Professional Staff Salary Schedule/Initial Placement)** – Proposed changes reflect minor grammatical modifications.
- **Procedure GCLM-R (Professional Staff Workshops and Conferences)** – Proposed changes reflect minor wording changes for clarification.

The board approved the review of the following procedure or policies:

- **Policy GCBA (Professional Staff Salary Schedules)**
- **Procedure GCBA-R-3 (Professional Staff Salary Schedules/Errors and Omissions)**
- **Procedure GCBB-R (Professional Staff Supplementary [Stipendiary] Plans)**
- **Procedure GCBB-R-1 (Additional Stipendiary Salary for Uninterrupted Service)**
- **Policy GCBC (Professional Staff Fringe Benefits)**

New Hires

- **Stacey Daleo**, nurse, Briar Crest
- **Cheryl Arnold**, clerical assistant, Holman
- **Sharon Kendall**, secretary, Holman/Elementary Gifted Center
- **Bob Thomas**, custodian, Parkwood
- **Sammie Smith**, physical education, Holman
- **Steven Bray**, physical education, High School