

Bearcat News

September Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The Gasconade County R-1 Board of Directors met on Thursday, September 13, 2018, for their regularly scheduled monthly board meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the Hermann Middle School Student Council presented areas they plan to work on throughout the year. The group has some great ideas! They recently hosted their first Back to School Bash in conjunction with the first middle school football game. It was a fun event with a nice turnout. We are excited to see what this group does throughout the school year.

The next agenda item for the Board of Directors was the staff showcase. This month, the district's custodial staff was highlighted. They do an excellent job keeping our facilities clean and neat for our students and staff on a daily basis. As a district, we appreciate the work they do.

During the business portion of the meeting, an update on the facility projects was presented to the board. Also, an update was given regarding the completion of the projects tied to the recent bond approval. A discussion regarding the FY19' budget was then had, followed by the board approving the most recent budget revision.

During the new business portion of the meeting, the board was informed about a contract option with a background check vendor, Idemia. This company provides background checks and fingerprinting services for school employees. This agreement would enable these services to take place at our administrative office, rather than having employees travel to a different town. The Idemia contract was approved by the board.

Also, during this portion of the meeting, the board approved the district assessment plan, conducted the first read of MSBA suggested policy revisions, and approved gifted program assessment.

The previous business addressed this month included the utility easement with the city of Hermann. This allows the city of Hermann's Electrical Department an easement on the south end of the campus for the electrical infrastructure of the town.

The board adjourned into executive session where they reviewed district safety plans, personnel changes, and conducted the monthly superintendent evaluation. During the personnel part of the meeting, a resignation was accepted from Mr. Tim Wunderlich, high school business teacher. Ms. Cynthia Perschbaucher was hired as an elementary office aide and Ms. Susan Hughes was hired as the vocal music accompanist. In addition, Mr. Todd Anderson was selected to be the high school boys' assistant baseball coach.