

May 12, 2020

BEARCAT BOARD STORY

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The Gasconade County R-1 School Board met Tuesday, May 12, 2020 for a regular meeting and an executive session. The meeting took place in the Central Office and through Zoom.

The Department and Building reports were shared, with several acknowledgements of all the hard work and efforts the teachers, staff and students put forth during this stressful time. A few examples were shared on how teachers and students found creative ways to adjust to the alternative learning model these last two months. We want to thank our Student Advisor, Allyson Hollrah for her dedication during this challenging time and for continuing to serve the district through surveys and future Board attendance.

In New Business, the Board approved budget revisions which impacted both the revenue and expense portions of the budget. These revisions allow us to maintain a solid budget even with the recent in-school closure and changes due to the COVID-19 challenges.

A motion was made to approve the sick leave reimbursement for 2019-2020. Although our teachers have not physically been on campus for a large portion of the last quarter, they have continued to be actively involved their students' learning using remote methods of teaching. The Board agreed it was appropriate to continue the current practice of sick leave reimbursement. As a follow up, this policy was recommended for Board review for the 2020-2021 school term.

The Board was presented with a first read on Policy 2019 C-2 that deals with criminal background checks, references, recruiting and hiring. The changes focused on updated MSBA House Bills and policy clarifications on the Board's legal role in hiring, transfers and reassignments. The first read was approved by the Board.

This week is the end of the 2019-2020 school term and we are preparing for graduation. A list of 2020 Graduates was presented to the Board for approval, pending completion of graduation requirements. Graduation is currently scheduled for June 14, 2020 unless we encounter changes due to COVID-19 or weather. The list of 62 diplomas was unanimously approved.

The Board was presented with the Professional Development summary of the 2019-2020 school year and the Professional Development Plan for 2020-2021. This Plan allows professional growth for our staff to increase their knowledge and effectiveness which positively impacts our students. The Professional Development Plan for 2020-2021 was approved as presented.

People's Savings Bank has been the district's bank for the past five years. The district is required by law to go out for bid for the district's financial institution every five years. The Board approved us to move forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the district's bank for 2020-2021. A recommendation for the district's bank for 2020-2021 will be presented at the June Board meeting.

In the executive session, the Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Josh Vinyard. Mr. Vinyard served the district for the past five years as a high school physical education and health teacher; we thank him for his dedication and service. Additionally, the Board approved the hire of Tony Terry as a certified teacher in the High School for the 2020-2021 school year. We are excited to welcome Mr. Terry to the district!

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Thursday June 11, 2020 in the Central Office and through Zoom.

Please join us for these upcoming events:

Graduation - June 14th or July 12th

