

Hermitage R-IV School Board Meeting

August 21, 2017

The Hermitage R-IV Board of Education held its monthly meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. following the district's tax rate hearing which began at 6:15 p.m. Principal Krissy Friedman and Assistant Principal Sara Pratt discussed the district's current enrollment in each grade, gave an update of safety drills students and staff will be conducting, and discussed school activities. Superintendent Ed Vest discussed summer maintenance work and facility improvements and gave an update on the USDA rural development grant that is being used to purchase laptops and chromebooks. Vest also discussed the district's Annual Secretary of the Board Report (ASBR).

Closed session included discussion of personnel.

New business included: approving the Annual Secretary of the Board Report; setting the tax rate at \$2.75 in the Operating Fund and \$.45 in the Debt Service Fund for a total levy of \$3.20; hiring Rebecca Pinckney as an aide in the Early Learning Center; approving bus routes; and approving a Memorandum of Understanding for Behavioral Health Services with OCHC.

Commendations were issued to:

- Summer maintenance crew - completing summer maintenance projects
- Eric Turner and the KIDZ Foundation - donating school supplies
- Hogles Creek Lodge, Hermitage Masonic Lodge, Eric Turner, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas, Randy and Cindy Mudd, OHCH Clinic, Oakstar Bank, Lightfoot Hardware, Ozark Insurance of Hermitage, Willpower Electric of Sacramento, CA, Jim Hackett and family, US Bank, Hermitage Lumber, Hickory County Farmer's Mutual, and Don Koenig- donating school supplies, backpacks and other materials
- Southwest Electric Co-op employees - donating \$100 to the school for supplies
- Pomme de Terre Southern Baptist Church, Pomme de Terre United Methodist Church and Ellen Hoff, and Linda Rhine – donating school supplies
- West Central Community Action Agency and Michelle Smith – donating paper and pencils
- Coaches Shane Salmon & Dan Corum and the softball team, Don Ginnings, Jill Salmon, Darin Newman and Tammy Bell - Volunteer workers at Pickering Park work day
- Jackie Liberty – donating a wooden train set to the Pre-School
- Shemy Kobe – receiving a \$500 Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA) Grant for her Maker space STEM projects in the elementary library
- Rosalee Willis and Valerie McGilvray – successful audit
- Oakstar Bank – serving and donating hotdogs at the Hermitage School Open House
- Jim Wilson – preparing and cooking steak dinner for staff
- Linda Ford – summer food preparation for SACC and Early Learning Center students