

Hermitage R-IV School Board Meeting March 19, 2018

The Hermitage R-IV Board of Education held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. FBLA members Alex Aubuchon, Sadi Hostettler, and Grayce Hostettler discussed a proposal for members that qualify for national competition to be able to attend nationals in Baltimore, Maryland this summer. A proposal was also made for FCCLA members qualifying for nationals to compete in Atlanta, Georgia. School Resource Officer Jim Cihy discussed school safety options which included the possibility of having staff trained as resource officers. Assistant principal Sara Pratt provided an update on elementary activities and principal Krissy Friedman discussed activities involving students in the middle and high school. Superintendent Ed Vest talked about the scoreboard arriving and bleacher options for the elementary gym. Vest also provided an update on the budget outlook for 2018-2019.

Closed session included the evaluation of probationary teachers and discussion of extra duty contracts.

New business included accepting a bid for mowing school grounds and Pickering Park from Shane Salmon; approving the disposal of old bank statements and deposit recaps; accepting the resignations of Caitlin Howe as an elementary teacher, Abby Yohn as an English teacher and Michaela Woodson as an employee in the Early Learning Center; and approving FBLA and FCCLA trips for national competitions. The board also offered contracts to the following probationary teachers – Alicia Asher, Rebecca Bishop, Caitlin Brown, Gary Griffin, Amanda Ott, Teri Rakes, Brenda Charles, Joe Nicholson and Alana Shockley. Extra-duty contracts were approved as amended.

Commendations were issued to:

- Coaches Shane Salmon, Joe Nicholson, Sue Ann Ginnings and Alex Nicholson and cheerleading sponsor Stephani Hostettler for successful basketball seasons.
- Varsity girls' basketball team – 2nd place in the district tournament, tying the all-time school record of most wins in a season, and having the winningest senior class in recorded history, finishing 86-27 with a 76.1 winning percentage.
- All-conference and all-district basketball team members: Sadi Hostettler and Sheridan Corum, 1st team; Makayla Hostettler and Matt Horn, 2nd team.
- Sadi Hostettler – being named the female basketball MVP for District 7.
- Paula Pursley – a retired teacher that donated \$500 to the elementary.
- Always Amazing Ministry – donating ice packs to the school.
- Lady Hornets softball team – receiving Academic honors for having a 3.70 team GPA.
- Emily Christian, Anna Ginnings, Abby Irek, Makayla Hostettler, Sadi Hostettler, Amanda Newman, and Lindsey Smith – receiving Softball Academic All-State honors.

- Leif Griffin, Alex Aubuchon, Faith Sabala, and Brayden Mantooth – placing 2nd in the PCL Academic Bowl competition.
- Leif Griffin and Alex Aubuchon – receiving all-conference honors for the Academic Bowl
- Alex Aubuchon – gold medal winner and national qualifier at state FCCLA Star Events competition.
- Sadi Hostettler, Abby Irek, and Taylor Scott – gold medal winners at state FCCLA Star Events competition.
- Megan Liberty – 1st place medals in Medical Math and Health Knowledge Bowl at district SkillsUSA.
- Hermitage Hornet 5th/6th grade basketball team for placing second in the Lions Club tournament
- Hermitage Staff, Board of Education and the many volunteers that helped make the school carnival a success!