

Hermitage R-IV School Board Meeting November 20, 2017

The Hermitage R-IV Board of Education held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 6:30 PM in the board room. Senior class sponsors Shannon Beers and Stacy Sabala and senior class officers presented a proposal for the 2018 senior trip to be in Chicago, IL. Principal Krissy Friedman discussed meeting with representatives from the West Central Community Action Agency about early learning opportunities. Mrs. Friedman and instructional coach Shemay Kobe discussed school activities. Superintendent Ed Vest reported that the school received 131 out of 138 points, which totals 94.9 percent, on their Annual Performance Report (APR). Vest reported on changes on the State Board of Education and recent reports related to DESE, discussed the opportunity to get a scoreboard for the elementary gym, mentioned changes because of the school not receiving the SACC grant, and reported that the USDA rural development grant funds had been received.

New business included setting board candidate filing dates beginning Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on regular business days, until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018; approving MCE policies 2760, 2785, 2850, and 4550; approved the 2017 audit; approved the 2018 senior class trip to Chicago, Illinois; accepted the resignation of Dan Corum as maintenance director and 5th and 6th grade basketball coach; and hired Alex Nicholson as 5th and 6th grade basketball coach.

Commendations were issued to:

- Hermitage Boys' Cross Country team – district champs and 2nd place at state! Easton Sabala, Mason Apperson, Josh Galloway, Zeke Rusk, Mitch Bigham, William Forrest and Hunter Bennett
- Hermitage Girls' Cross Country team – 1st place at districts and 6th at state. Aleah Asare, Madi Sutt, Jade Morris, Celia Collin, Lily Hart, Patience White, Faith Sabala and Brittney Kennedy
- Coaches Mark Sabala and Brenden Jones – outstanding cross country season
- Mark Sabala – Southwest Missouri Cross Country Coaches' Association Class 1 Boys' Coach of the Year Award
- Easton Sabala – Class 1 Boys runner of the year
- The many volunteers for helping with the district cross country races
- Cross Country Individual awards – Easton Sabala – 1st place at state!, all-district, all-region, all-state, and recognized as one of 14 runners to ever place in the top 10 all 4 years of high school; Mitch Bigham – all-district; Mason Apperson - all-district and 2nd team all-region; Josh Galloway – all-district and 2nd team all-region; Zeke Rusk – all district and honorable mention all-region; William Forrest – all-district and honorable mention all-region; Aleah Asare – all-district, 1st team all-region and all-state; Madi Sutt – all-district, 1st team all-region and all-state; Jade Morris – all-district and 2nd team all-region; Celia Collin – all-district and honorable mention all-region; and Lily Hart – all-district and honorable mention all-region.
- High School Science Olympiad team – 1st in conference.
- Middle School Science Olympiad team – 2nd in conference

- The following middle school students for Science Olympiad placings: 1st Place Aluminum Boat Float - Bradley Forrest, Clay Horn and Weston Piper; 1st Place General Science Test - Bradley Forrest; 1st Place Puff Mobile – Trevor Pyeatt, Clay Horn, Chelsi Horn and Bradley Forrest and ; 1st Place Write-It-Do-It – Katie Ginnings and Grayce Hostettler; 1st place Catapult – Justin Horn, Clay Horn, Chelsi Horn and Bradley Forrest; 2nd place Puff Mobile – Katie Ginnings, Bradley Forrest and Kori Wilkes; 2nd Place Straw Tower – Katie Ginnings and Chelsi Horn
- The following high school students for Science Olympiad placings: 1st Place Straw Rocket – William Forrest, Brayden Bechtel, Blake Ball and Justin Mitchell; 1st Place Chemistry Test – Leif Griffin; 1st Place Weather Test – Brayden Mantooh; 1st Place Catapult – Shekainah Andres, Brayden Mantooh and Kelsey Johnson; 1st Place Puff Mobile – William Forrest, Blake Ball, Brayden Bechtel and Justin Mitchell; 2nd Place Toothpick Bridge – Rayanna Williams and Patience White; 2nd Place Cell Biology Test – Leif Griffin; 2nd Place Anatomy Test – Leif Griffin; 2nd Place Aluminum Boat Float – Kallen Short, Lily Hart and Rory Higgins
- Caitlin Brown and Christy Dablemont – hosting PCL Science Olympiad
- VFW – Veterans’ Day flag ceremony
- Carolyn Allison, Tracy Lampe and Mr. Bowden – outstanding Veterans’ Day assembly
- Jackie Liberty – donating the cake for the Veterans’ Day assembly
- Major Tom Turner – guest speaker at Veterans’ Day assembly
- Jackie Liberty and 9th grade students – making cupcakes to give to veterans
- Shemay Kobe and Hype Students – hosting the Fuel Up To Play 60 event for elementary students
- Melissa Acker and Lana Griffin – hosting the kindergarten and 1st grade Pilgrim and Indian Feast
- Monica Whitney – preparing and hosting Stone Soup for pre-school students and their families
- Steve Rogers and Illinois Tool Works – donating to the Backpack Program
- Jill Salmon, Business Technology and Business Leadership classes – hosting and organizing Career Day
- Theresa Sanders, Clint Baker, Mike Crocker, Joey Powell, Billy Pitts, Tom Liberty, Jim Cihy, Sara Pratt, Shemay Kobe, Blake Acker and Glen Locke – guest speakers for Career Day
- Alana Shockley and NHS – exceeding donation goal for the blood drive
- Sheila Mack and Chuck Goodrich – donating textbooks and backpacks
- Cindy Meyer – donating a display board
- Roger Boyd – donating items to the Alternative School classroom

- Starr Miller – donating clipboards to the school
- Hickory County Library – donating pumpkins to all the early childhood programs