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Hello Warren County R-III Families,

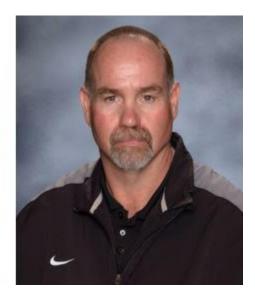
Below is information from the March 11, 2021 Warren County R-III School Board meeting.

Retirement

Please join me in congratulating Miriam Schaefer, Nancy Cobb, and Steve McDowell on their retirement at the end of the 20-21 school year. Thank you for the positive influence you made on the thousands of students you interacted with during your careers. You will be missed!







New Hires

Congratulations and welcome Lonny Bartz as a new evening custodian.

Recognitions

The school board recognized our support staff member of the year, Karin Klaustermeier - Transportation. Congratulations Karin!



The school board also recognized our teacher of the year, Shelby Graves - Rebecca Boone. Congratulations Shelby!



The teacher of the year is awarded \$500 from the WISE foundation. Funding for this award was provided by Brent and Carrie Bolm and Paul and Teresa Brockfeld. Thank you for your support.

Superintendents Reports

An update on the negotiation process was given by Dr. Klinginsmith, Dr. Chad Smith, and John Clinger.

Presiding Warren County Commissioner, Joe Gildehaus, gave the Board of Education an update on the current projects occurring in Warren County.

Dawn Sherman, FFA President, presented the school board a check for \$78,000 to maintain the current structure of the agriculture department. Thank you for your generous donation to the Warren County R-III School District!

Dr. Borgman, Special Education Director, gave a program evaluation about the status of the special education programs in the district.

Dr. Klinginsmith, Superintendent, gave an update about COVID and the district finances.

Full program evaluations and presentations can be found on BoardDocs. Here is a link.

Contracts and Agreements

The Warren County R-III Board of Education approved contracts and agreements for:

Missouri School Board Association Service Agreement

· Center of Autism

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Old Business

The school board discussed how to allocated the remaining \$844,471 of ESSER II funds. These funds are stimulus funds that were approved by the federal government in December. The school board decided to use these stimulus funds to improve the transportation services in the district. For the 21-22 school year, students will be eligible to ride a bus to school if they live 1.0 miles away from the school building. This is an improvement from the 2.5 miles away from the school building the district is using for this school year. This improvement to transportation services was made possible by the federal stimulus funds. The ability to maintain this service for the 22-23 school year and beyond will be evaluated next school year. In addition to the improvements to transportation, the board also approved allocating \$160,000 to the technology budget. The remaining ESSER II funds will be allocated at a later date.

The school board extended the current COVID leave practice for all employees until the end of the school year.

New Business

Budget Amendment #1 was approved. This budget amendment projects the district will end the year with a surplus of \$1,135,316 for the full budget. The surplus is a result of federal stimulus funds. Those funds have specific requirements on how they have to be spent. For example, the funds received for food service can only be spent on food service expenses. Included in the operational fund balance are the \$844,471 remaining ESSER II funds and \$582,333 in additional food service Cares Act Funds. Although some of these funds were allocated tonight, they are not reflected in the expense budget. Once the stimulus funds are allocated into the expense budget then the surplus will decrease. According to budget amendment #1 the operational fund balance is projected to end at 17.18% if all budgeted funds are spent. This fund balance will change as federal stimulus funds are allocated into different areas of the expense budget.

The 2021-22 staffing plan was amended to keep transportation staffing the same as was budgeted for the 2020-21 school year. The district will be eliminating 13 positions for the 21-22 school year.

HVAC bids for the replacement of HVAC systems at Daniel Boone and the High School were approved. ESSER II federal funds will be used to pay for these projects. The district is allocated to receive a total of \$2,164,471 in ESSER II Funds. \$1,232,150 of the ESSER II funds have been allocated to HVAC.

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Superintendent of Schools

Warren County R-III School District

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