Local Schools

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Puxico, Missouri - The regular meeting of the Puxico R-8 School Board of Education was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023 in the Board Room of the Central Administrative Building on the Puxico school campus. The Board opened the meeting with a prayer by Mike Clubb.

President Chad Payne called the meeting to order.

The Board approved the minutes of the regular board meeting on June 8, 2023 and the closed session meeting on July 22, 2023.

The Board approved the payment of bills and went over the financial reports.

The Board adopted the Agenda.

Superintendent Cindy Crabb's Report

Mrs. Crabb gave updates on the Governor's Grant extending the 2023 - 2024 school year to address teacher salaries. The transportation budget will be expected to be fully funded at 75% of allowable costs. A bill has been introduced to put back in a minimum number of instruction days that must be provided in public schools. Currently they are a 5 day a week district and they operate on the hours based calendar for 168 student days with additional Professional Development days for a total of 175 hours. The District and Mr. Todd Jenkins, new Jr. High Principal, hosted a welcome luncheon for the Junior High staff this week.

She also went over Curriculum and Instruction, Employment Opportunities, Facilities Updates and a very busy Upcoming Schedule for the District.

New scoreboards have been installed in the Arnold Run gymnasium, thanks to donations from First Midwest Bank. The floors have been removed in a few of the elementary classrooms, the upper level of the special education building, and the special education office. new flooring will be installed. New signage has been ordered for the ball fields, the junior high classrooms, and district directive signage. First grade will receive new student furniture as well as two classrooms at the high school. District security cameras requiring replacement are also being installed.

Under New Business several items were approved including 1) Evaluation of Instructional Climate (A+, At Risk and Code of Conduct); 2) Evaluation of Educational Persistence (Attendance, Dropouts, Grade Promotion and Retention); 3) Evaluation of

School Service including Facilities and Safety; 4) Appointment of Superintendent as authorized representative of the Board and as federal/state program director for the 2023-2024 school year; 5) Participation in the teacher Baseline Salary Grant program; 6) Approval of Board Policy Updates; 7) Approval of the Emergency Mitigation Resolution and 8) Approval to seek bids for the storm damage repair on campus.

A motion to table the Evaluation of Technology portion of the meeting passed. There are many updates on campus and they should be done by the time teachers return from their summer break.

Motion to set the date and time for the Tax Rate Hearing was made. The Tax Rate Hearing will be at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Important Dates to Remember:
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 - Elementary Classroom Rosters Available
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 - Junior High School Registration for Grades 7 and 8, Schedules, and Pictures
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 - High School Registration, Lockers, Pictures, and Parking
Thursday, August 10, 2023 - New Student Enrollment
Monday, August 14, 2023 - Freshmen Orientation
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 - 6th Grade Orientation
Monday, August 21, 2023 - Back to School Night
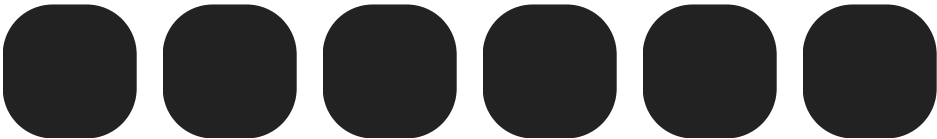Wednesday, August 23, 2023 - First Day of School

The Board voted to exit the open portion of the meeting and enter into the Executive Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is set for 7:00 p.m., August 17, 2023 right after the Tax Rate Hearing meeting.

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