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*Superintendent*

***De Soto School District #73***



***Superintendent's Office***

*Ensuring learning, growth, and success for all.*

*Dr. Clint Freeman*  
*Assistant Superintendent*

*Mrs. Doreen Dow*  
*Assistant Superintendent*

To: De Soto School District Staff  
From: Josh Isaacson  
Date: July 22, 2016  
Re: Summation of July 21, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Please accept this communication as an abbreviated highlight of actions from the regular and executive session July 21, 2016. The official board minutes will be posted on the home page of the district website. The official minutes from each meeting are posted in the arrears by one month due to the approval of the minutes at the following board meeting.

**District Report:**

- EA Boyer reported on how the masons have made substantial progress on the walls and elevator to ready egress for the start of the school year at the junior high. Mr. Boyer indicated the completion of the JH project in late October is still on track even with several unforeseen issues that have arisen during construction. Additionally, Mr. Boyer stated he had met with a roofing contractor and believes several cost effective solutions can be completed throughout the project scope in order to stop identified leaks in the junior high roof.
- Patrick Lawlor reported on how workers have been shifted from the high school theater project and additional staff have been contracted to assist with work on the Vineland project. Mr. Lawlor stated the shift in personnel would delay the high school theater completion by a few weeks, but was needed to ensure the classroom completion at the Vineland campus by the start of school in August. Mr. Lawlor stated that the new gym, as well as several exterior items, would not be completed by the start of school due to a loss of thirty-five weather-related days.
- Dr. Freeman reported that the junior high science and choir classroom remodeling project was near completion. He also reported the damage incurred at the secondary campus from high winds on July 13.
- Mrs. Dow reported on the summer curriculum writing days and professional development activities. She reported that 41 staff members participated curriculum in June and that 67 teachers would be attending half-day professional development sessions in July.
- Dr. Isaacson reported that the final summer school program enrollment was 1056 resulting in an estimated summer school term ADA of 160.3960. He also reported that the approximate cost for salaries and supplies for the 2016 summer school session was \$475,000.
- Mark Ferrell reported on the educator equality effort from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and reported that the 2016 MSBA conference will be held Sept 29-Oct 2.

- Schedule of “Beginning School” Activities
  - July 18-29 Staff Training Options facilitated by Mrs. Dow
  - July 28 School Law for Administrators
  - August 2 All Admin./Directors meeting
  - August 3 School Registration Opens
  - August 4 Building Principals NEE Re-certification training
  - August 6 Board of Education Retreat
  - August 9 & 10 New teacher and new employee training
  - August 9 Special Education Training facilitated by Nancy Schmitz
  - August 11,12,15,16 Teacher and Staff Work Days
  - August 15 Open House for Secondary Schools DJHS from 5 to 6:30 pm and DHS from 6:30 to 8 pm
  - August 16 Open House for Elementary Schools from 5:30 to 7 pm
  - August 18 First Day of School (K-12)
  - August 18 Regular August Board of Education Meeting and Tax Hearing
  - August 22 First Day Pre-K
  - Sept 2-Sept. 5 No School – Labor Day Holiday
  - Sept 18 First PD/PLC day
  - September 23 Homecoming
  - Sept. 29-Oct. 2 MSBA Conference

## **Personnel:**

### Resignations:

- The board approved the resignation of Deborah Stockmann, Athena 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.
- The board approved the resignation of Abby Miller, JH para.
- The board approved the resignation of Bonnie Nelson, cafeteria/playground aide.

### Employment:

- The board approved the employment of Milissa “Lammert” Leonard, JH math teacher, for 2016-2017.
- The board approved the transfer of Chris Howard to JH band teacher, for 2016-2017.
- The board approved the employment of James Akins, Athena 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, for 2016-2017.
- The board approved the employment of Katie Casey, Part-time PAT teacher, for 2016-2017.
- The board approved the transfer of Christie Kemper to Vineland paraprofessional, for 2016-2017.
- The board approved the transfer of Kennetha Davis to JH paraprofessional, for 2016-2017.
- The board approved the transfer of Annie O’Shea to Vineland Title I paraprofessional, for 2016-2017.
- The board approved Melissa Cope, as Athena Math Olympian sponsor for 2016-2017.

### **New Business:**

- The board approved the nominations from the Hall of Fame Committee to induct John W. Hardin and George P. Bauer.
- The board approved the nominations from the Distinguished Friends Committee to induct Stephen and Deborah Richardson.
- The board approved August 18, 2016 for the tax rate hearing for the purpose of establishing the tax rate for 2016-2017.
- The board approved the Conflict of Interest Ordinance Policy 0342 as part of the biennial approval.
- The board approved the purchase of a 2017 thirty plus three passenger bus.
- The board approved the Data Breach Policy and Regulation 6322.
- The board approved the Data Governance Plan for 2016-2017.
- The board approved the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade assistant football coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

### **Closing:**

The school year will soon be upon us, and we will be ready thanks to all of you! We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to a year of excitement and possibilities as we begin to build the future together. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and see you on August 11. Go Dragons!

Honored to Serve,

*J. Isaacson*