

USD 217 Board of Education Meeting Recap

August 15, 2023

Highlights: Staffing & Supplemental Staffing, BOE vacancy, Handbook approvals, and Facilities

The USD 217 Board of Education met in special session, Tuesday August 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm. BOE members in attendance were: Jason LaRue, Courtney Reza, Phoebe Brummett, Troy Cooper, and Kim Hull. Highlights from the meeting include:

Staffing: The BOE made the decision to not hire a fulltime music staff member. The motion was made and carried to advertise a part time music position based upon substitute pay with the hours and amount of work to be determined based upon student enrollment. We are currently in search of a person to fill this position.

BOE Vacancy: With the resignation of Mr. Troy Bolin at the July meeting. The BOE has decided not to fill this position so close to election time. The regular election is in November and anyone voted into office will be sworn in and begin their official position at the January 2024 meeting.

Handbook approvals: The BOE voted on and approved the activities handbook, Elementary student/parent handbook, Jh/Hs student/parent handbook and the Staff handbook. The majority of the changes were minor – font, page numbers, updates to staff names, etc. Other changes included a change in language for Homecoming King/Queen candidates. An individual may now serve as a candidate more than once but cannot be crowned King/Queen more than once. Other changes include a change in dress code to no pajama pants, no house slippers, no blankets, and shorts/holes in jeans need to be below fingertip length with the shoulders relaxed.

Facilities: The BOE was updated on several ongoing projects. AR Roofing out of Pratt won the roof bid back in July. We are still awaiting them to schedule this repair as well as a repair to the grade school roof. The roof at District Office has a few leaks and the BOE was updated on the information provided by AR Roofing and we are awaiting a report from the insurance adjustor on this. Staff who requested district housing changes have all finished moving. There is still one district house open and available at this time. The Pirate Den Doors repair has been completed and it is back in working order. There are still several projects going on and updates will be provided on these as information becomes available.



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Change to Organizational Meeting: The BOE voted to name Dream First Bank as the official depository for USD 217 for the 2023-2024 school year. This change was needed due to the events of Heartland Tri-State Bank being purchased by Dream First Bank.

Announcements:

Teacher/Staff In-service

Date: August 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th

Staff Potluck

Date: August 17th, 6-8:00 pm

Teacher Workday

Date: August 21st

Booster Club Hamburger Fry

Date: August 24th, 6:30 pm

First Day of School

Date: August 22nd

Board of Ed Meeting - RNR hearing

Date: September 11th, 6:20pm

Board of Ed Meeting -Budget hearing

Date: Sept. 11th, 6:25pm

Board of Ed Meeting - Regular meeting

Date: September 11th, 6:30 pm

Questions &/or Concerns: Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions &/or concerns regarding any of the highlight

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Upcoming Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

September 11, 2023 ~ 6:30 pm

October 9, 2023 ~ 6:30 pm

November 13, 2023 ~ 6:30 pm

December 11, 2023 ~ 6:30 pm

January 8, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm

February 12, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm

March 11, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm

April 8, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm

May 13, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm

June 10, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm