

SUMMARY OF MAY 2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

COUGAR PRIDE

Superintendent Wihbey recognized leadership from elementary students at BES and KES including Maeve Brown of KES who initiated a pajama day to raise money to Save Deer Lake. The CT Association of Schools recognized HKMS eighth grade Scholar Leaders Catherine Nguyen and Tetsuya Imai at a ceremony in June. The Board recognized and congratulated Principal Donna Hayward of HKHS, who won the Connecticut Association of Schools Principal of the Year.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Planning Co-Chair, Prem Aithal, presented, and the Board approved, the Goals and Objectives of the RSD17 Strategic Plan as well as the District's Vision and Core Values statements. Four goals were identified through stakeholder input:

- **Goal 1: Student Learning & Well-Being** - *To fulfill our Vision of the Graduate, we inspire each student to grow academically, socially, and emotionally through evidence-based practices*
- **Goal 2: Educator & Leadership Development and Capacity** - Create and support a workforce that is inspired and engaged to fulfill the District's Vision, demonstrate the values, and implement the Strategic Plan.
- **Goal 3: Operational Efficiency** - Manage effective use of resources in a manner that is sustainable, promotes excellence, and supports student learning.
- **Goal 4: Enhance District Infrastructure** - Ensure that instructional facilities are safe and support a modern learning environment.

Under each goal, the Board has identified numerous one-year to five-year objectives for the District to reach. Superintendent Wihbey will work over the summer with Administrators, Teachers and Staff to determine appropriate strategies and measurements for each of the objectives in the Strategic Plan.

FACILITIES/FINANCE

Peter Sonski presented on the Capital Report and the Projection for Year-End Balance. The Board approved the spending of \$571,188.48 to work on the items presented as the highest priority on the Capital Report. The money will come from the Capital Fund Account with the stipulation that the projects are completed during the summer months of 2022. Projects will include replacing the parking lot at Burr, the cafeteria floor and fire alarm system at HKHS, all of which have been put off for several years.

DONATIONS

The Board approved two donations in the amount of \$200 and \$1,500 from Carol M. Cieslukowski and Kathy Godrick to be deposited into the Student Activity Account Bill C Scholarship Fund to be used for camperships for students in need at the end of school year as well as a donation of a Wood Bench from Erick Hopkins, parent of two KES Students, to be used on the lower playground at KES. These generous donations were submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of KES.

FOOD SERVICES

Sharon Shettleworth, Director of Food Services, presented the Healthy Food Certification Option for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board approved the sale of food and beverage items at extracurricular events such as games, plays, and interscholastic competitions. This would include items that may not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards.

CALENDAR

The board revised the 2022-2023 School Calendar to include five half days for Professional Development days for Teachers and Staff.

ON OUR WEBSITE

The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, District Core Values and District Vision can be found on the RSD17.org District Website under "District" and updated 2022-2023 school calendar can be found under "Calendars"