

# PIEDMONT FOCUS

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS





# PIEDMONT

## Public Schools

### BOARD OF EDUCATION AUGUST 8, 2022 MEETING UPDATES

Mr. Derek Jones Board Seat #5 Appointed Member, took the Board of Education Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath. This was administered by Mr. Layne Jones.

The Board of Education took no action to implement live-streaming of board meetings at this time. Administration will bring proposals for a professional live-streaming set up in order to accomplish this goal.

There was no action regarding the spring 2022 survey at this time. Administration will bring a presentation to the September board meeting with a quote to do another employee survey this school year.

The board discussed the district-wide initiative focused on fostering positivity, acceptance, and compassion.

"Wildcat P.A.C.K. is a district-wide initiative focused on fostering positivity, acceptance, and compassion for kids! (P.A.C.K.) Each PPS school site will have this student-led club and at least one site-based sponsor. Students in Wildcat P.A.C.K. will work together to promote positivity, acceptance, and compassion for kids through at least two school-wide events each year."

The Board of Education approved the consent agenda unanimously, including improvements to the 2022-2023 support salary scale and student support services salary schedule.

The board convened into executive session. When they returned to open session, the Board of Education approved employment list and the 2022-2023 PAE Negotiated Agreement.

In accordance with laws set forth by the State of Oklahoma, the following policies were approved:

Mr. Steven Cox motioned to approve the Media Center - Selection of Library Books policy. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Duffy. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greg Duffy motioned to approve the Multiple Occupancy Restrooms and Changing Areas policy. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Katie Cornman. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Steven Cox motioned to approve the Dyslexia/ Dysgraphia Awareness Program policy. This motion was seconded by Mr. Derek Jones. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Steven Cox motioned to approve the Save Women's Sports Act policy. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Katie Cornman. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Katie Cornman motioned to approve Resource Information on Student Identification Cards policy. This motion was seconded by Mr. Derek Jones. The vote was unanimous.

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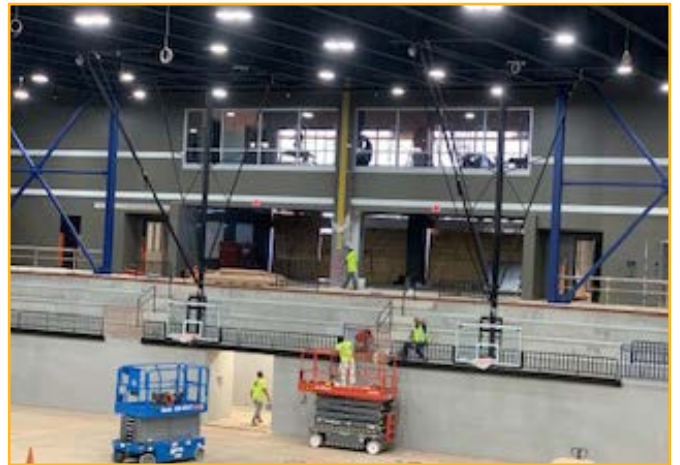
## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### WILDCAT ATHLETIC CENTER

- Millwork and cabinets are being installed in the basement area
- Bleacher areas are being prepped and concrete sealed
- Installation for seating in the bowl area begins on August 15th
- Telescopic seating will be installed in the middle of September
- Basketball goals have been installed
- Two 250-ton units are running in the main gym area stabilizing humidity
- The gym floor has been delayed two weeks. This will impact our completion date.
- Sheetrock, tape, bed, and paint are underway in the hospitality area
- Sheetrock, tape, bed, and paint are underway in the wrestling room
- Sod will be installed soon around the building

### MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

- Phase 1 Demo is complete
- Dirt work is underway
- Fire protection and monitoring are complete for the interim
- Walkways and temporary sidewalks are complete
- Upcoming - Begin foundation and geo piers



### SUMMER PROJECTS AT PPS

- All new exterior doors, door frames, windows, and storefronts at Piedmont Elementary have been painted.
- All new carpet and tile have been installed in the Piedmont Elementary entryway, front office, and new library space.
- All six classrooms that sustained water damage at the high school have been repaired.
- The classroom portable has been moved from the high school to the Intermediate. Electric is hooked up and a new ramp has been installed.
- The interim cafeteria at the Middle School is now ready. All equipment is set up and electrical outlets installed.

## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

- 28 buses running double routes this year
- We are currently short five bus drivers for morning and afternoon routes
- Two new special education buses will arrive this week



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## ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

### EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Our goal for the 2022-2023 school year is to improve the overall brand of Wildcat sports and activities. With new, state-of-the-art facilities and the restructuring of MS Athletics, we feel it necessary to be proactive about improving our identity. We look to achieve this goal by improving the overall experience for student-athletes and coaches, showcasing and promoting our facilities and venues, and providing a more entertaining game day experience for both student-athletes and spectators.

- Examined more than 330 student-athletes at our annual physical night on August 14th
- Actively monitored more than 475 student-athletes enrolled in Summer Pride
- Hosted 17 camps offered to Piedmont students K-12 in various sports
- Revised the Coaches Handbook
- Met with head coaches to plan logistics for 1st-period athletics at the MS
- Visited with local and area businesses about becoming Wildcat sponsors
- Started ordering furniture, supplies, branding, etc. for the new Wildcat Athletic Center
- Attended the Oklahoma Coaches Association Clinic and All-State Games
- Created multiple Season pass options when purchasing tickets
- Streamlined employee student passes
- Lowered the price of admission to PPS events for students
- Finalized personnel assignments for all coaches
- Worked closely with member Steven Cox to secure a new Cross Country course
- Ordered equipment, supplies, etc. necessary for the upcoming season
- Completed thorough inspection of all Fall sports facilities to ensure safety measures are established and met
- Collected student-athlete compliance online forms through Rank One Sports (ongoing)
- Created new signage for areas of entry and several facilities and locker areas
- Introduced new "Playbook" Newsletter
- Renewed several existing contracts (BSN, Mercy, others) to provide professional support in student-athlete management

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

- Head men's track coach Kelly Beck was named OCA Coach of the Year
- Head volleyball coach Tom Williams was named OCA Coach of the Year
- Leyla Rallo competed for Team West in the OCA All-State volleyball game
- Madilyn Winfield competed for Team West in OCA All-State cheer
- Pride of Piedmont member, Blaine Granger, toured with the nationally recognized Drum Corp International.



AUGUST 2022

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## INSTRUCTION & STUDENT SERVICES

### AG EDUCATION

This year promises to be an exciting one for Agricultural Education and Piedmont FFA, as our program kicks off for the first time in over 30 years! Students will have an opportunity to participate in leadership conferences, livestock shows, community outreach and service opportunities, as well as compete in a multitude of contests through the FFA. In the classroom, students will be introduced to the various aspects that make up the world of agriculture. This will include wildlife management, horticulture, communications, career readiness, as well as a deep look into livestock, food production, and so much more! We have 73 students pre-enrolled at the 9-12 grade level, and 58 pre-enrolled in the 8th grade. Mrs. Horton cannot wait to help each student find their passion within the FFA and the agriculture classroom.

### AEROSPACE/AVIATION

Piedmont High School is starting an Aviation and Aerospace program beginning in the fall of 2022. Our partnership with Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association (AOPA) and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission will allow our students to obtain their private pilot certification and/or part 107 Unmanned Drone Aircraft Certification by their senior year. Recognizing the need for a skilled workforce in the aerospace and aviation industry, Piedmont Schools is working with the Aeronautics Commission to support Oklahoma high school students interested in aerospace or aviation as a career when they finish their post-secondary education.

### CV TECH

We have partnered with Canadian Valley Technology Center and are going to be able to offer some career exploration opportunities and activities to a broader ranged audience. We will be implementing some career interest inventories at Piedmont Intermediate in our character education classes. Students will have the opportunity to listen to various guest speakers in different career fields. Students at Piedmont Middle School will take a field trip to the technology center and will participate in a program called Reality Check, where they will choose a career pathway and have to manage the costs of living with the average income of that occupation. Piedmont High School students will have the opportunity to attend three separate presentations per semester on career pathways. These presentations will cover a wide range of occupations and will be helpful to our students in making informed decisions on future career plans.



## CURRICULUM

### SECONDARY

Secondary curriculum has spent this summer adjusting how we target instruction for students that are not learning standards when they are taught. We are excited to implement Mastery Connect for our teachers and Instructional Resources Specialists (IRS) as the new program that will house the data and assessments this year to continue to track our student's progress throughout the school year. Teacher leaders, principals, and our IRSs spent last week in training with Mastery Connect as they will be the ones that continue to support our teachers throughout the school year after their initial training when they return from summer break. Our Instructional Resource Specialists IRSs will be focusing much more on pretest conferences with teachers this year as they tweak and rebuild common assessments across the district to ensure our students are challenged and prepared throughout the school year. Monthly data meetings with teachers and administrators will focus on these assessments and what reengaging strategies we can put in place to ensure learning is taking place.

Our virtual enrollment continues to be popular with over 360 high school students taking some type of full/hybrid schedule involving virtual courses. K-8 will add another 15 students taking advantage of our virtual learning opportunities.

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## CURRICULUM CONTINUED

### ELEMENTARY

We are excited to welcome Brenda Davis, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, to our administrative team. We have been busy meeting with our principal team, working on evaluating preliminary test data, and implementation and adoption of new curriculum.

### HMH ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

New textbooks and teacher materials for our HMH ELA Curriculum have been delivered to our elementary school sites. Teachers and administrators are excited about this new adoption and getting started with students next week.

### MYSTERY SCIENCE

Mystery Science is an excellent teacher tool focused on science standards with digital and hands-on components. The lessons are anchored by entertaining, kid-friendly videos.

### SOCIAL STUDIES WEEKLY

Social Studies Weekly is an engaging, student-focused curriculum aligned to state standards. Research-based lessons are organized thematically to the strands of civics and government, geography, economics, and history and integrated with ELA.

## Childcare Center AT PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our employee childcare center is at 100 percent capacity this school year, with 73 little Wildcats! Our teachers and staff are grateful for this added benefit of being employed at PPS.



## COMMUNICATIONS

### WELCOMING FAMILIES TO PPS

We have been busy helping school site administrators create welcome emails for families, creating communication for social media for back-to-school, and working with district nurses to send notifications about missing immunizations for school. We cannot wait to welcome students back to our school sites!

| ENROLLMENT CENTER |                       | 2020-2021 EOY | 2021-2022 EOY | 8-4-2022    |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
|                   | PIEDMONT ECC          | 542           | 641           | 576         |
|                   | NORTHWOOD ELEM.       | 385           | 463           | 443         |
|                   | PIEDMONT ELEM.        | 471           | 455           | 461         |
|                   | STONE RIDGE ELEM.     | 523           | 561           | 587         |
|                   | PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE | 723           | 698           | 755         |
|                   | MIDDLE SCHOOL         | 711           | 796           | 794         |
|                   | HIGH SCHOOL           | 1177          | 1272          | 1431        |
|                   | <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>4532</b>   | <b>4886</b>   | <b>5047</b> |