

PIEDMONT FOCUS

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS





BOARD OF EDUCATION JUNE 2023 MEETING UPDATES

ROLL CALL

Mr. Greg Duffy was absent. All other board members were present.

BOARD REPORTS

Board reports were discussed as outlined in the June newsletter.

Site principals presented results from the April 2023 Energage Survey. They shared strengths, opportunities for growth, and action steps to create a positive difference at their respective sites.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Representatives from Coryell Roofing provided a detailed presentation on a roofing insurance claim worth \$6.399 million. They discussed a detailed timeline in which this settlement took place. They shared recommended products for roof replacements to improve energy efficiency and maintain cosmetic appearances.

The board discussed and unanimously approved the resolution regarding an Oklahoma Lease-Purchase agreement for the purpose of financing a roof replacement and related matters. They also unanimously approved the roofing contract with Coryell Roofing and Construction, Inc.

Item D on the board agenda was amended to reflect the title of Director of Maintenance. This job description was approved by the BOE.

The BOE approved the job description for Benefits Specialist/Employee Registrar, as shown in Item E.

No action was taken on the Use of School Facilities policy. This policies was tabled for the next meeting to ensure board members can thoroughly interpret the policy.

Mr. Steven Cox motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, items A-S. All board members voted in favor of this motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board convened into executive session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss employment as listed on attachment A of the board agenda and entering into a contract with an individual to serve as Superintendent of Schools.

ACTION ITEMS

Upon return to open session, Mr. Steven Cox motioned to approve employment as listed on Attachment A of the board agenda. The board approved this motion unanimously. This motion included the hire of Mr. Jeff Jahnke as the new director of bands for Piedmont Schools.

Mr. Derek Jones motioned to employ Dr. Drew Eichelberger as the next Superintendent of Schools. The board approved this motion unanimously. Mr. Layne Jones added although Mr. Greg Duffy could not be in attendance and could not vote without being present, he expressed to the board and community he supports this hire 100 percent without reservation.

UPCOMING SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting - June 22, 2023 - 5 p.m.

Special Board Closeout Meeting - June 29, 2023 - 5 p.m.

BIG NEWS FROM THIS MEETING



Dr. Drew Eichelberger was hired as the next superintendent of Piedmont Public Schools. Eichelberger, who has over 25 years of experience in education, currently serves as the superintendent of Bethany Public Schools. He will step into his new role at Piedmont this summer.

Piedmont Public Schools announces the selection of Jeff Jahnke as the new head band director at Piedmont Public Schools. Mr. Jahnke brings a wealth of experience to his new role, having most recently served as the Director of Bands at Edmond Memorial High School.



DISTRICT UPDATES

CONCLUDING THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



We concluded the 2022-23 school year celebrating the accomplishments of our staff and students! We were proud to announce Ms. Jammie Kimmel, Elementary LEAP teacher, as the Piedmont Public Schools Teacher of the Year!

We also extend our sincere gratitude to our support staff employees of the year! Congratulations to Keyley McDonald, Claire Mondt, Kelly Inscore, Ginger McDonald, Jenn Wyatt, Danece Smith, Charity Cain, and Nolan Mallett.

Throughout the school year, our students and staff have accomplished remarkable feats, and we take immense pride in their achievements. Some noteworthy highlights include:

- Educated 5,089 students, reflecting a 5% increase from the previous year.
- Celebrated 310 Wildcat graduates.
- Recognized the class of 2023 for earning more than \$1.5 million in scholarships.
- Awarded more than \$46,000 in classroom grants to deserving teachers.
- Raised an impressive \$121,732 during DUCK Week 2023, benefiting our community.
- Commended our exceptional transportation team for traveling an astounding 369,000 miles.
- Celebrated 5 Team State Championships in Softball, Men's & Women's Cross Country, Women's Soccer, and ESports League of Legends.
- Honored 8 Individuals who secured State Championships.
- Applauded 27 All-Staters in their respective sports.
- Recognized 16 Academic All-Staters for their remarkable academic achievements.
- Successfully introduced 2 new programs - Agriculture Education and Aviation & Aerospace.



Childcare Center AT PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our employee childcare center closed the year with a full enrollment of 72 children. **Mrs. Karri Bigelow, Mrs. Janae Hardy and their incredible team of providers** have loved, nurtured, and taught our precious mini Wildcats and celebrated each one's growth and development.

Our PPS Childcare Center has been awarded multiple grants this year, totaling \$144,300!



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

- The project is currently on-pace.
- Portable classrooms relocated
- Parking lot has been demolished and road project has started
- Gas line has been moved for project to move forward
- All lockers have been removed
- Overhead work and EIFS in gymnasium area
- Classroom roofing and EIFS are being replaced
- Roughing in new administrative area, as well as band, commons and library (media) areas
- Underground work and foundation is underway for the new kitchen space.
- Rehab of existing classrooms and hallways is underway to provide a seamless transition into new area.



PPS SPECIAL SERVICES

ESY AT PIEDMONT SCHOOLS

Extended School Year services are being provided for qualifying students with special needs. The purpose of ESY is to curb regression of student skills over the extended summer break. These services include academic support, speech-language therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

- 16 students in early childhood group
- 10 students in elementary group
- 9 students in secondary group (14 enrolled in July)

ENROLLMENT CENTER

NEW ENROLLEES AT PIEDMONT SCHOOLS

Our Enrollment Center continues to welcome new Wildcats to our school sites. At the time of printing, we've enrolled the following number of NEW students per grade:

PK:	162*	4TH:	20	9TH:	10
K:	82	5TH:	19	10TH:	5
1ST:	27	6TH:	21	11TH:	8
2ND:	22	7TH:	9	12TH:	3
3RD:	8	8TH:	9		

*NOTE: 131 ADDITIONAL STUDENTS ON PK WAITLIST

OSDE ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

We have completed the Annual Statistical Report, as required by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. This report includes our total membership throughout the year, as well student attendance numbers, and student rosters. As part of this process, we also provide documentation for out-of-home placements, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for our youngest students with special needs, and explanations for all students with ten or more consecutive absences.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

- Summer bus servicing is underway, and we are conducting the required annual inspection for each bus in our fleet. Buses that need more than a standard oil change are ferried to dealers for repair.
- We have new routing software in place. We have been working closely with our PowerSchool administrator, Mrs. Joy Ruiz, to ensure we have the most up-to-date data possible to begin updating and creating routes for the 2023-24 school year. We are anticipating between 2,300 and 2,400 bus riders this school year.
- Our "Donuts and Bus Drivers" hiring event was a great success. We hired four new bus drivers for the coming year! Special thanks to Mrs. Riley Thomas for her help in generating graphics and reaching out to the community to promote the event.
- We are providing a CDL class in-house this year for new bus drivers and coaches. The class is slated for June 26th-30th. The Transportation team will take our students for the State test in July.

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ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION



SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Elementary and district administrators attended a 3-day PLC Institute in downtown Oklahoma City at the end of May. The conference content focused on learning how to work collaboratively to improve student outcomes through Professional Learning Communities. The leadership team came away with many new ideas and is working together to establish plans at our elementary schools and the ECC.



ELEMENTARY MATH GUIDING COALITION

The Elementary Math Guiding Coalition met to review our mathematics program for the upcoming school year. The team reviewed elementary PK-4th grade report cards to ensure the documents incorporated new math standards.

The team worked on improving and developing PK-4th grade curriculum maps and pacing guides for math instruction in the coming year. We are eager to see improved outcomes for all students through this process!

Human Resources

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CERTIFIED NEW HIRES
FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL
YEAR

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SUPPORT NEW HIRES
FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL
YEAR

CERTIFIED STAFF OPENINGS:

ECC:	0	PI:	5
NW:	1	MS:	1
PES:	1	HS:	3
SR:	2		

SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Roofing: Repairs have occurred at seven campuses. More than 40 leaking areas have been repaired since school ended in May.

Plumbing: Contractors working on 18 summer repairs at seven campuses

HVAC: The contractor has a list of 44 HVAC repairs needed at eight campuses.

Flooring:

- Full replacement of ECC cafeteria flooring is in progress.
- Plan to replace the entry carpeting at all ten entrances to PI with new "Walk Away" industrial carpeting.
- New carpeting going in both portable classrooms at SR.
- Additional spot-fix carpet and tile repairs at ECC and PI.

Doors/Security: A contractor has examined 11 door repair/replacement needs for summer 2023 at five sites. Repairs are to begin soon.

Painting:

- Accepting bids for painting all hallways and possibly several large rooms at NW.
- Accepting bids for drywall repair and painting in all SR classrooms.

Fencing: A contractor has evaluated necessary repairs and improvements for both playground fences at SR, and for the installation of new fencing around the portable classrooms that will be used next year. Awaiting estimates

Miscellaneous:

- New window blinds have been purchased for all classroom windows on the West half of PHS. Installation is to begin in late June.
- Both portable buildings (4 classrooms) have been moved and repositioned at MSP. Accepting bids for installation of stairs/ramps and skirting for both buildings.
- Installation and repair of 5 garage doors at transportation and maintenance to begin in late June or early July
- The shade canopy at Learning Center is to be replaced.
- Light construction and carpentry work to areas of the library, old computer lab, and a storage room at SR for more efficient use.
- More than 70 percent of the lighting in the old field house has been replaced.
- Insurance claim repair/replacement of water-damaged areas of PES and the Learning Center pending.

JUNE 2023

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SECONDARY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

SUMMER SCHOOL IS UNDERWAY

May has been a busy month as preparations were underway for summer school at Piedmont High School, which began on June 1 and will continue until July 31. Sixty-nine students enrolled in one or more courses during this period to either gain additional credits or recover lost credits from the past few years. We are pleased to see students taking advantage of this opportunity to further their education.

In June, Michelle Jones and the PPS Instructional Resource Specialists will convene to initiate their new roles as instructional coaches and provide assistance with secondary curriculum. We are eager to increase our presence in classrooms and support teachers, ultimately enhancing teacher retention at the end of each academic year.

Good News AT PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES \$60K SCHOLARSHIP

OGE Energy Corp. Foundation, Inc. announced Piedmont High School senior Blaine Granger as one of its 2023 OGE Positive Energy Scholars at the PHS Academic Awards Ceremony. **As a Positive Energy Scholar, Blaine will receive a total of \$60,000 in scholarship funds over four years to cover tuition, books, fees and on-campus room and board.**

Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) representatives, Piedmont Public Schools Interim Superintendent Lisa Campbell, teachers, students, and other members of the community gathered at Piedmont High School to surprise Blaine after an award ceremony to celebrate his academic accomplishments. The Positive Energy Scholarship will provide Blaine the opportunity to attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall and major in music education without the financial burden often associated with pursuing higher education.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

SUMMER CHECKLIST FOR IT

- Newline refresh at SR. Build Newline boards and take down existing SMART Boards. Move the SMART Boards to PI and replace all older boards.
- Wire in portables at MS after relocation.
- Wire in portable at LC for office expansion
- Build video production station at the WAC
- HUDL Cam install at Football Stadium
- Image the eSports lab.
- Relocate all APs to the center of classrooms.
- Remove all old CISCO APs.
- Clean out all IT closets including blowing dust out of equipment.
- Chrome book pickup, update, and enroll.
- Outdoor camera install at the WAC
- Indoor camera install at the WAC
- Indoor camera install at PI, MS, and HS. (5 additional cameras were purchased for each site for increased security)
- Install cabling and monitoring system for all site refrigerators and freezers.
- Fiber install to the stadium for backup infrastructure.
- Streamline our Mobile Device Management system to improve onboarding.
- EC access control FOB change out.
- RFP for construction low voltage
- ATT permanent line relocation at the MS.



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GOLD *Mentality*



CONGRATULATIONS to our STATE CHAMPION Women's soccer team! The team brought home the gold with a 2-1 win in double overtime against Bishop McGuinness.



Dade Humes wins THREE State Championship GOLD medals in the 2023 Class 5A state track meet. Mens 4X800 relay team of Kanyon Cobbs, Riley Pauley, Dade Humes, Reese Fricke wins GOLD at State.



Congratulations to our 2022-2023 male and female athletes of the year, John Whetter and Ella Watkins!

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

The summer months are busy and productive for Piedmont Athletics and Activities. We are focused on various projects and initiatives to ensure the smooth functioning of our programs for the upcoming academic year. Here is an overview of key projects for this summer:

- Schedule, plan, staff, and set up annual Physical Night. (July 11th)
- Prepare Rankone software for the 2023-24 school year PowerSchool rollover.
- Advertise, gather, and organize OSSAA compliance forms for 700+ extracurricular students.
- Finalize 2023-24 personnel hires.
- Order, inventory, and set up sales for Fall BSN allotment (\$15K) of apparel and merchandise.
- Confirm all department personnel for OCA memberships.
- Coordinate facility availability for camps, weight sessions, skills, and tryouts.
- Schedule coaches and sponsors for Summer Pride sessions.
- Revise and update PPS Athletics and Activities Handbook.
- Confirm the PPS calendar against OSSAA two-year calendar.
- Meet with City of Piedmont Personnel (Logan/Singer) to discuss safety protocols for all PPS Athletic facilities.
- Instruct and oversee financial closeouts for all activity accounts.
- Schedule and confirm all 23-24 fall schedules.
- Ready all PPS sports facilities for 23-24 seasons.
- Meet with Hudl, Excite, Coca-Cola, Mercy, Select Therapy, and others to discuss needs, ideas, and plans for the upcoming school year.
- Attend the Oklahoma Coaches Athletic Directors conference in June.
- Attend the Oklahoma Coaches Association conference in July.
- Serve on OSSAA District Basketball Committee. (Bilyeu)
- Confirm coaching assignments for all department personnel.
- Oversee and facilitate the transition from Purple Pass ticketing to GoFan ticketing.
- Continue discussions with Mrs. Campbell regarding upgrades with Soccer/Track Fieldhouse, batting cages at the Baseball/Softball complex, and Fine Art expansion options.
- Revise the PPS Facility Usage guide.