



Deer Creek School District

Board Meeting Highlights

February 12, 2024

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAME

Dr. Jason Perez gave the following remarks regarding the proposed, and now board approved, name of the new elementary school:

“There was a strong desire of the Naming Advisory Committee to keep this name rooted in the history of Deer Creek and there are two stories that led to the final name. The land near 148th and Council where the new school is being built was once owned by the Knight family as part of their larger farm. Since Deer Creek originated as a farming community, it was important to reflect this heritage in the name.

The other story revolves around the town of Lockridge, which was partially located within the Deer Creek School District boundaries when it originated in 1889. At its peak, Lockridge had a population of 400 people, more than 20 business houses, a post office, a school and a church. However, as automobiles became more popular and connecting roads were built to other communities, the town of Lockridge slowly disappeared until 1941 when only one person was left. This was a unique story of our history that they didn’t want to be forgotten.

With both stories in mind, I would like to recommend the name Knight Ridge Elementary to the Board for consideration.”

AT A GLANCE

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Danny Barnes
Stan Green
Dr. Michael Kiehn
Lorrie Bamford
Kelli Lay

Location:

Deer Creek
Administration
Building

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 11
6 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT*

Dr. Perez updated the board on the district’s recent Better Together Week, the 2024 Deer Creek Career Fair and various athletic accomplishments from our cheer and cross country teams, as well as applauded the seniors who recently signed letters of intent to play athletics at the collegiate level.

NEW HIRES

Shareen Smith was named the new head principal of Grove Valley Elementary. Additionally, the board approved the hiring of all personnel listed on the Personnel Schedule.

BOARD ACTIONS*

- Approved all items on the consent agenda
- Approved the action to approve Chief Financial Officer Dr. Cordell Ehrich to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the school year
- Approved the low bid for Orchestra instruments from Edmond Music for \$86,679.04 to be paid from Bond Funds
- Approved Updated Board Policy EFAC (Exemptions from Smart Snack Rules During School Fundraisers)
- Approved the name of the new elementary school near Council and 148th Street
- Approved the lowest bid for \$3,185,000 of Building Bonds
- Approved Federal Programs: Title 1, Part A - Parent Involvement Policy

**Not comprehensive*