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At its regular meeting on Monday, the USD 470 Board of Education:

- Called the meeting to order
- Recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- Recognized visitors
- Approved the Agenda
- Amended the Consent Agenda to add two items:
 - 1.4.8 – Good News! State Tennis Champions
 - 1.4.9 – Good News! Earlybird Lions Club pays some student meal debt
- Approved the Consent Agenda
- Approved the following resignations/retirements:
 - Lacy Abrams – 7th Grade Science
 - Emma Badley – SAT at IXL
 - Tyreonna Burks – 4th Grade at Adams
 - Josh Fleig – MS/HS Orchestra
 - Annika Newby – 2nd Grade at Adams
 - Glenda Ramirez – Bus Aide (retirement)
 - Debra Richardson – 5th Grade at Jefferson
 - Treye Scott – Bus Driver
 - Cathy Wilcox – Aide at Sacred Heart
- Approved the following hirings:
 - Breianne Bonnell – Elementary Teacher
 - Grace Spencer – Asst. Volleyball Coach at ACHS
 - Jennifer Stoner – Elementary Teacher
 - Cynthia Terry – Elementary Teacher
 - Cheryl Tharp – P/T Custodian at FW
 - Shelby White – Elementary Teacher
- Approved the following reassignments/transfers:
 - Paige Hale – 1st Grade at Jefferson to Kindergarten at Jefferson
 - Ryan Taylor – Social Studies at ACHS to Asst. Principal at ACHS
- Accepted the following gifts:
 - A copy of “We Dream a World” by Yolanda Renee King for each elementary school from the MLK Jr. Community Celebration of Unity of Arkansas City, Kan.
- Recognized students and staff at Roosevelt Elementary for receiving a 2023 Challenge Award
- Recognized 19 ACHS students who received Seals of Biliteracy



- Recognized Oakley O'Donnell and Dawson O'Donnell for winning the 5A State Tennis Championship in Doubles after an undefeated season
- Recognized the Early Bird Lions Club for paying off the indebtedness of all students who had an unpaid meal balance
- Approved a plan to develop a District Facilities Steering Committee with focus groups to study areas for possible improvements
- Authorized reinstating the Dean of Student Services position at ACHS and advertising the vacancy
- Approved adding a Safety and Security Coordinator position to address safety and security concerns
- Authorized an RFP for USD 470 Board Attorney Services
- Authorized a one-time adjustment of 2.35% in COLA funding for Head Start personnel
- Authorized USD 470 Head Start to apply for one-time funding for a new school bus
- Authorized and approved a new ACMS bell schedule for the 2024-2025 school year with a training plan
- Awarded the proposal for restoring sections of Jefferson Elementary's roof to Wray Roofing for \$194,467 and the application of EIFS Coating to Powers Premier Painting for \$22,450
- Authorized USD 470 administration to purchase McGraw Hill Science curriculum/resources as presented
- Discussed upcoming needs assessments
- Heard a report about education and school finance legislative matters from Superintendent Dr. Ron Ballard
- Discussed security at ACHS
- Discussed secondary-level Social Studies curriculum
- Moved into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel
- Called the regular meeting back to order
- Adjourned

**The next regular BOE meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at the Avery Family Learning Center. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.usd470.com/boemeeting.*