Arkansas City Public Schools

BOE BRIEFS

An informal report from the Board of Education Meeting

AUGUST 12, 2024

BUDGET APPROVAL

The Board held the USD 470 Budget Hearing at 5:15 p.m..

- Following the hearing, the Board adopted the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. Here are some key points:
- The budget follows all legal requirements.
- We may adjust student enrollment projections as the year progresses.
- The General Fund tax rate remains at 20 mills, unchanged from last year.
- The Local Option Budget (LOB) tax rate will increase slightly to 16.274 mills (from 15.091) to cover rising costs. The state average for LOB is 32%.
- Bond and Interest tax rates will drop to 7.284 mills.
- Capital Outlay will stay at 8.0 mills, ensuring funds for significant purchases and projects.
- The total district tax rate will be 51.558 mills, down from 54.265 last year.

This district's budget documents can be found here on our website.

ADULT MEAL PRICES

As required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, the Board has increased adult meal prices for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Adult Breakfast – $2.84
- Adult Lunch – $4.86

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

The Board approved updates to the USD 470 Staff **Social Media Handbook** for the 2024-2025 school year, based on recommendations from the Social Media Handbook Committee and Board members. Key updates include:

- Using the term "X" when referring to Twitter

- Discouraging personal cell phone/social media use during work hours
- Noting potential consequences for inappropriate social media use
- Encouraging kind and professional behavior online
- Addressing the use of group chats and messages

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Resignations/Retirements:

- Antonio Barber – SAT, Roosevelt
- Sabrina Dent – SAT, Adams
- Dalton Dietrich – Asst. Wrestling Coach, ACHS
- John Merz – ISS Aide, ACHS
- Israel Navarrette – SAT, Adams
- Cynthia Nelson – Library Aide, Adams and Roosevelt

New Staff:

- Avila Arturo – Bus Aide
- April Brown – SAT, FW
- Jeri Crull – SAT, IXL
- Scott Duloher – Building Sub, Adams
- Kristine Franklin – Kindergarten, Adams
- Martha Garcia – SAT, Adams
- Kaycee Kellogg – SAT, Roosevelt
- Shania Latham – Bus Aide
- Charles Miller – Bus Mechanic
- Leticia Morales – ESOL SAT, ACMS
- Jessica Navarrette – SAT, FW
- Alexis Smith – Cheer Sponsor, ACMS
- Bryson Turner – SAT, Roosevelt
- Skyla Walker – Bus Driver

Reassignments/Transfers:

- Lamuel Vaughn – Bus Washer to Bus Mechanic

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board accepted gifts to the district.
- The Board approved warrants.
- The Board approved retaining the current Policy JGCC – Communicable Diseases

- The Board authorized an updated agreement between USD 470 and the Arkansas City Police Department to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the high school and middle school for this school year, eligible to extend.
- The Board approved meeting locations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The schedule and other BOE information can be found here on our website.
- The Board discussed planning for technology hardware and software.
- The Board discussed the potential for an After School Program.
- The Board discussed the preliminary enrollment outlook. As of Wednesday, August 7, 2842 students have enrolled.
- The Board heard a report about summer maintenance projects completed across the district.
- The Board heard an update from the district transportation department.
- Discussed who might represent the Board at the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Delegate Assembly in November.
- The Board held an Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel.