Arkansas City Public Schools

BOE BRIEFS

An informal report from the Board of Education Meeting

AUGUST 26, 2024

ESSER III Final Funds

The Board approved using the remaining ESSER III funds to request proposals for classroom computer carts. In addition to the computer carts, the Board approved retention pay for USD 470 employees to be paid along with the normal September 2024 payroll. Certified and Administrative personnel will each receive $1,500 with classified staff to receive the following amounts.

Category	**< 1 Year**	**> 1 Year**
12-Month	$750	$1,500
10.5-Month	$660	$1,320
9-Month	$565	$1,130
12-Month, Part-Time	$300	$600
9-Month, Part-Time	$240	$480

FFA TRAVEL

The Board approved out-of-state and overnight travel for FFA student Landon Larson. Landon, an ACHS junior, has been selected to attend the Next Gen Environmental Service and Natural Resources Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah September 10-14, 2024. The Next Gen conference focuses on career exploration and development.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

New Staff:

- Kent Vandal – Custodian at Roosevelt

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Board accepted gifts including school supplies from Random Road Church and donations to ACHS Choir per the Barbara Miller Memorial.
- The Board authorized a review of Policy KG – Use of District Property, with the possibility of edits.
- Ann Headrick, the ACMS Academic Coach and MindCraft Coordinator, provided a recap of the district's recent MindCraft summer program. The program saw 284 students from PreK through 8th grade participate. Students engaged in hands-on learning, went on field trips, learned from many guest speakers, and received tailored instruction to enhance their skills.
- The Board heard a report from Director of Curriculum and Instruction Braden Smith about the new ACHS schedule and some challenges it has caused primarily for students enrolled in dual credit or concurrent courses at Cowley College. Smith provided an action plan to address those challenges for the Fall 2024 semester.
- The Board reviewed the preliminary enrollment outlook. On Wednesday (August 21) 2,916 students were enrolled in Ark City Public Schools. September 20 is the official count date.
- The Board discussed a possible easement for the City of Arkansas City to place a sewer line across a small portion of the athletic practice/PE field to the east of the middle school.