

Princeton R-V Board of Education Meeting (March 13th, 2023) Press Release

The Princeton R-V Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 13th, 2023. The following highlights of the board meeting included:

Board of Education Meeting

The consent agenda was approved consisting of Call Meeting to Order

- A) Approve February 13 & February 15 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- B) Approve Bills for Payment and any Necessary Fund Transfers
- C) Cash Flow Report

Announcements

- A) April BOE Meeting, Monday, April 10th, 2023 (Board Re-Organization Meeting)
- B) Award & Baccalaureate -Wednesday, May 3 –Methodist Church--6:30 pm
- C) Graduation--Friday, May 5th--7:00 pm
- D) Prom--Saturday, April 15th

Old Business

- The school board voted (7-0) to withdraw a grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to operate a day care. The school board will revisit the proposal next year. Previously the Mercer County Economic Area Development (MCAD) board presented information on the possibility of a County Daycare. The proposal would require the Princeton School District to host, manage, and fund the program. School administration provided a draft budget showing possible revenue and expenses. The estimated annual loss of \$65,000 could be offset in the short term with a Grant from DESE. MCAD will work to present possible annual funding opportunities to offset the cost to operate.
- The school board vote denied the motion to accept a donation from Danny Derry in return for the naming rights of the baseball field. The vote was (1-6) with Mr. Boxley being the affirmative vote to approve the donation and naming rights request. Previously the School Board reviewed the proposal from community member Danny Derry. Mr Derry offered \$30,000 for the opportunity to name the baseball field at the new complex after his Grandfather Dewey Derry. Dewey (Alumni of 1934) played minor league baseball for the New York Yankees for two years. In addition, Dewey was a long time coach/player for the Princeton Merchants baseball team spanning from 1940 to the mid 1950s. The Board of Education was grateful for the presentation from Mr. Derry and had significant discussion on the topic. Mr. Girdner shared that there is a lot to consider in naming rights. Some of the challenges are the two existing fields of Gerald Gentry & Dick Franklin field and if those field names would be moved to the new stadium. There has been recent suggestions about past coaches George Scurlock and Dave Niemeyer being honored with field names. Additionally, there have been recent donations made that naming rights were not offered or considered. The concern would be if all previous donations should have an opportunity for naming rights and what that donation level should be. There was discussion for a Wall of Fame at the concession stand to honor accomplished baseball and softball athletes, coaches, and contributors. The Wall of Fame would provide an opportunity to recognize our past while naming the fields numerically, Fields #1, #2, & #3.
- The school board approved by a vote of (7-0) for the district administration to provide possible policies or procedures that would evaluate naming rights of school district facilities. The board will continue to work towards a solution and adoption of a plan and procedure regarding naming of facilities.

New Business

- The Board Approved Steps and Movement for Certified Staff for 2023-2024
- The Board Approved Wage Schedule for Non-Certified Staff for 2023-2024
- The Board will review possible increases to the salary schedules at the June Board Meeting. This will give the administration and board time to determine if the State Budget will continue to provide funding for Starting Teacher Pay Grants & Career Ladder.
- The Board of Education will be collecting proposals for Bank Depository Services to begin July 1, 2023.
- The Board reviewed a Presentation regarding the Annual Performance Report (APR).
- The Board reviewed a Financial Presentation over the districts finances.
- The Board was presented draft schedules of Grand River Conference activities for the 23-24 school year.

Closed Session – the tentative agenda of this meeting includes a vote to close part of the meeting pursuant to R.S.M.O. 610.021– (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate, (3) Hiring, firing, and disciplining of particular employees, (13) Individual identifiable records and ratings, (14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law

The board returned from closed session

Announcements

- 1) The School Board approved the resignation of JH/HS Principal Mr. Brent Mitchell.
- 2) The School Board approved the resignation of JH Math Teacher Lindsay Landis.
- 3) The School Board approved probationary & tenure teaching contracts for the 2023-24 School Year.
- 4) The School Board approved extra duty assignments for the 23-24 School Year.
- 5) The School Board approved the hire of 3rd Grade Teacher Mrs. Katlyn Bagley.

The meeting concluded at 7:30pm