

Princeton R-V School District/Board of Education Meeting
February 13th, 2023 Press News Release

Regular Board of Education Meeting

The agenda for the regular BOE meeting included:

- The Consent Agenda was approved consisting of
 - A) Approve January 9th Board of Education Meeting Minutes
 - B) Approve Bills for Payment and any Necessary Fund Transfers
 - C) Financial Report

Announcements

- A) March BOE Meeting, Monday, March 13th, 2023

Public Participation

- Information was shared from the Games for Guilkey fundraising results. Mr. Guilkey is the Elementary Building Principal recently diagnosed with cancer. T-shirt sales, donations, soup supper, lottery ticket raffle, chuck-a-duck, concession stand, silent auction, gun raffle, and new donations have raised over \$29,724.50 to be provided to the Guilkey family.
- A member of the community addressed the board that they were attending with family and friends to show support for JH-HS Principal Mr. Mitchell.

Old Business

- 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 asked Mr. Girdner 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.
- The Board approved the opening of an additional banking account at First Interstate Bank. The account will provide investment opportunity of the Districts cash reserves.
- 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. A lot of the work on grant applications has been completed for the initial startup for the program. MCAD provided contact information on a possible facility to host the daycare. The Superintendent updated the board on the possible locations of the closed church at 500 W. Main and the most recent opportunity presented at the educational wing of the United Methodist Church. The school board had many questions regarding the facility, budget, and staffing. MCAD will work in the near future to present possible annual funding opportunities to offset the cost to operate.

New Business

- 23-24 School Calendar - The Board of Education approved the 2023-2024 School Calendar. The Start date for 23-24 is Tuesday, August 22, 2023 & The Completion date is Friday, May 17, 2024 All snow days are built into the Calendar that total at 1,105.4 hours
- The board was updated on a Grant Opportunity to improve building HVAC units. Improving Ventilation in Missouri K-12 School Project will provide eligible school districts with funds to repair or improve airflow in classrooms. The district has applied and is awaiting further guidance.
- The Board of Education approved a bid from ProVision for 50 Access Points using E-Rate Funding. The bid amount was for \$25,724.00 and includes shipping to the district. The access points will be used to improve outdated technology and improving connectivity speed and reliability.

The board went into closed session at 6:30pm.

Closed Session Announcements

The board approved the extra duty assignment of JH/HS Track to Bill Goodin for the 2023 season.

The board approved the hire of Kitchen Staff (Cook)--Vickie Girdner

The board approved the resignation of 3rd grade teacher Kacie Miyama effective at the end of the 22-23 school year.

The board adjourned at 7:45pm

The board of education scheduled an additional board meeting for Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:00PM

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