

Princeton R-V Board of Education Meeting (June 10th, 2024) Press Release

The Princeton R-V Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024. The following highlights of the board meeting included:

Board of Education Meeting

The consent agenda was approved consisting of Call Meeting to Order

- May 13th Board of Education Minutes
- Bills for Payment and Any Necessary Fund Transfers

Public Participation

During the public participation segment of the meeting, a community member requested that the board and administration consider allowing 6th grade students to participate in Junior High Sports. Although the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) approved the eligibility of 6th grade students three years ago, Princeton has not yet adopted this policy. The decision has been based on concerns about physical requirements and potential dangers, as well as the age, physical and mental abilities, maturity, skills, and preparedness of 6th grade students for competitive sports at the Junior High Level. However, due to a decline in enrollment & participation in recent years, the athletic director is currently evaluating anticipated participation numbers for the upcoming fall 2024 season. This reassessment aims to ensure that all students have the opportunity to engage in athletic activities while maintaining safety and competitiveness.

Old Business

- The Board of Education reviewed a recommendation from school administrators to implement a process for random drug testing of students. With the recent legalization of marijuana and the continued rise of drug use and abuse among youth, the school remains committed to deterring and preventing student drug use. Under this proposed program, students in grades 7-12 would be required to consent to random drug screenings as a condition for participating in all extracurricular activities. Students who test positive for drugs or violate the screening process may face suspension or exclusion from these activities. It is important to note that the sanctions in the proposed policy focus solely on limiting opportunities for participation in extracurricular activities. Any violations of the district's discipline policy regarding drugs and alcohol will be subject to the appropriate consequences as outlined in the policy. The Board of Education will review additional information at the June board meeting to discuss and assess the proposed drug testing program. Community input is highly encouraged during this evaluation period, and all are invited to provide feedback to board members or administration as part of the review process. Several neighboring school districts, including South Harrison, Stanberry, Milan, Brookfield, Worth County, King City, Albany, Putnam County, and Green City, already have established testing programs in place.
- The Board of Education has approved a bid for banking services from Farmer Bank of North Missouri.
- The Princeton RV School District has secured approval for five electric school buses at no cost. The grant covers 100% of the expenses for both the buses and the necessary infrastructure materials. Princeton will collaborate with Grundy Electric to implement the infrastructure for the installation of the charging stations. It is possible that the new Electric School Buses could be delivered mid to late 2024.

New Business

- The annual financial audit of the Princeton RV School District is scheduled to begin on July 26th.
- The Princeton RV School District will hold an online surplus auction for a limited number of items. The auction can be accessed on Govdeals.com, with an estimated closing date of Friday, July 5.

The board entered closed session at approximately 6:15 PM

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 at approximately 7:15PM

Announcements

The board approved the Retirement of JH/HS Art Teacher Becci Shew.

The board approved Rafaela Johnson as the JH/HS Art teacher.

The board approved Angie Stockman as the JH/HS Math teacher.

The board approved Cody Demoss as the JH/HS Business teacher.

The board approved Riley Moreno as the PK Paraprofessional.

The board approved Bill Goodin as the SPED Paraprofessional.

The board approved P. Goodin and M. Schmidli as the Girls Junior High Basketball coaches.

The board approved Bill Goodin as the Cross Country coach.

The board approved Coach O'Brien as the Interim Varsity Head Football Coach.

The board approved Scott Ussery as the Varsity Assistant Football Coach.

The board approved Troy Malone as the Varsity Assistant Football Coach.

The board approved Bill Goodin as the Junior High/High School Track Assistant Coach.

The board approved Merideth Ussery as the Junior High Cheerleading Coach for Basketball.

The board approved Merideth Ussery as the Junior High Cheerleading Coach for Football.

The board approved Tina Holt as the Varsity Girls Golf Coach (Fall).

The board approved Mr. and Mrs. Bagley as the National Honor Society sponsors.

The board approved Rafaela Johnson as the Yearbook advisor.