

## **Princeton R-V Board of Education Meeting (May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022) Press Release**

The Princeton R-V Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9th, 2022. The following highlights of the board meeting included:

### **Board of Education Meeting**

#### **The consent agenda was approved consisting of Call Meeting to Order**

- Approve April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board of Education Minutes
- Approve Bills for Payment and Any Necessary Fund Transfers

#### **Announcements**

- Last Day of School – Wednesday, May 18th, 2022
- June Board Meeting- June 13th at 5:30pm
- Special Board Meeting regarding the budget--Tuesday, June 28th at 5:30

#### **Old Business**

- The Board of Education approved the Purchase of an Electric School bus pending final Grant Approval from all three Grant programs. The board approved the Lion Bus Company proposal for the Electric School Bus. Three bids were received with only one bid (Lion Bus Company) being able to meet the bid specifications for delivery within six months and inclusion of the Level II Charging Station.
  - Bluebird Electric Bus Bid \$338,095.00 (no charging station included & up to one year for delivery)
  - Thomas Electric Bus Bid \$339,978.00 (no charging station included & up to one year for delivery)
  - Lion Electric Bus Bid \$351,320.25 (Bus is available today & charging station included in bid)
- The Board of Education approved Summer School Handbooks.
- Princeton Ball Association, The City of Princeton, & The Princeton R-V School District are working together to relocate the softball and baseball fields. The board of education was updated on the relocation of the ball fields. The Federal Land, Water, and Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant that is administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received approval this past fall. The land disturbance permit was approved recently. It is anticipated that excavating and grading will be begin early summer 2022 and bid packets will be issued this month for construction materials. The organizations have collected pledges and donations of over \$527,000.

#### **New Business**

- The Princeton R-V Board approved the health insurance proposal from the broker Thomas McGee that will see no increase to the premiums for employees. This is the fourth year that the district has been self-insured with Insurance Management Service, which is the Third Party Administrator. Base HSA for an employee will remain at \$516.63 and the Base PPO will remain at \$607.35. The district cap will remain at \$600.
  - The Princeton R-V Board of Education will look to host a Summer Surplus Auction in late June. GovDeals.com will be utilized for the auction. The advertisement will be posted in the weekly Post Telegraph.
  - The Board of Education tabled the approval of Bank Depository Services in order to provide additional time to evaluate the two proposals received. It is anticipated the Board will schedule a special meeting for approval in the near future.
  - The Board of Education was updated on a possible grant to increase teacher's minimum salary. A Possible Budget Item approved by the Senate and the House will allow districts to apply for a grant from the state to increase the minimum teacher salary to \$38,000 but the request is voluntary, it will require a local match, and state funds are not guaranteed after next year. The Board of Education recently approved a \$2,000 increase to provide a starting salary of \$33,500 for the 22-23 school year. The district will be waiting on guidance from DESE to see how the Grant will impact the district's finances.
- The board entered closed session at approximately 6:15PM**

#### **Announcements**

- 1) The Board approved the hire of Samantha Cortez for the Extra Duty Contract of Cheer Coach.
- 2) The Board approved Non-Certified Staff for the 22-23 School Year.
- 3) The Board approved Beth Boxley to teach one unit of Dual Credit Speech for the 22-23 School year.
- 4) The Board approved the 2022 Summer School staff teaching assignments.