

Princeton R-V School District/Board of Education Meeting **February 14th, 2022 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 10th 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 14th, 2022

Public Participation

- Concerns were shared with the board of education regarding the quality and quantities of the school lunch program.
- Many in the audience shared support for the MoBeef for MoKids Program. The program connects school cafeterias and cattle farmers to “beef” up school lunches. Its goal is more beef, more often. This program in our school is only as strong as the individuals supporting it. While we’re fortunate to have a strong community standing behind us, MoBeef for MoKids has a lot of moving parts. In addition to finding donors for the beef, our school must also work through finding donors, processing, storage, and logistics. We are currently looking for sponsors to support the program. Processing is completed at a USDA approved facility. With your donation, we can help continue to provide locally grown beef to our students. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a sponsor, please feel free to contact the school at 660-748-3211.
- A concern was shared with possible hazardous road conditions due to lack of daylight if the move to an 8:00am start time is approved.
- A community member shared their desire that the school district will remain as a 11-man football school and not make the move to eight-man. The Princeton School Board is evaluating a proposal to change divisions within the Grand River Conference.

Old Business

- Grant Application Progress for Electric School Bus
Princeton R-V was awarded the VW grant for \$200,000 for the purchase of an Electric School Bus. The State of Missouri is a beneficiary of the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust (VW Trust). The Princeton District is working with multiple grants that will total over \$340,000 in funding to purchase an electric school bus.
- 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 fall. The land disturbance permit was approved and the City will be relocating a sewer line prior to construction of the fields. It is anticipated that construction will be begin this summer once relocation of the sewer line is completed.
- Athletics & Activities Program Review: The Board of Education was presented information from Athletic Director, Scott Ussery regarding Princeton’s current conference affiliation. The information showed the downward trend of student enrollment at Princeton R-V. The district is evaluating a possibility of applying to participate in the West Division of the Grand River Conference. This move will also potentially lead to Princeton moving to an 8-Man Football Program. The presentation focused on the desire for Princeton athletic programs to compete with similar sized schools for a conference schedule. It is anticipated that the board of education will vote on the proposal at the March 14th meeting.

New Business

- Preliminary Budget Discussion for the 22-23 School year. The Board was presented information on the possibility of increasing the teacher base salary for the 22-23 school year. Proposal for a \$1,000 or a \$2,000 base increase was reviewed.
- 22-23 School Calendar:
The Board of Education approved the 2022-2023 School Calendar.
The Start date for 22-23 is Tuesday, August 23, 2022
The Completion date is Friday, May 19, 2023
All snow days are built into the Calendar that total at 1,109.1 hours
- The School Board approved changing school hours for the 22-23 school year. The school day currently is 8:15-3:15. For the 22-23 school year, the day will begin at 8:00am and conclude at 3:00pm.

The board went into closed session at 7:15pm.

Closed Session Announcements

The board approved the extra duty resignation of Junior High Softball Coach Damon Collins.
The board approved the extra duty resignation of Junior High Basketball Coach Brent Mitchell.

The board approved the hire of Mr. Mike Tipton to serve as High School Science for the remainder of the 21-22 School Year.

The board approved the hire of JH-HS English teacher Dale Bagley for the 22-23 School year.
The board approved the hire of JH-HS Math teacher Kevin Becker for the 22-23 School year.
The board approved the hire of 4-6 Grades Language Arts/Spelling Kaylee Parmer for the 22-23 school year.

The board approved the extra duty contract for boy's golf to Ashley Moore for the 21-22 school year.

The board approved the contract extension of JH-HS Principal Brent Mitchell.
The contract will be for the 22-23 & 23-24 School Year.
Salary will be determined after the board evaluates the upcoming budget.

The board approved the contract extension of Superintendent Jerry Girdner.
The contract will be for the 22-23, 23-24, & 24-25 School Year.
Salary will be determined after the board evaluates the upcoming budget.

The board adjourned at 8:30pm

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