



Measuring Success One Student at a Time!

COMMUNITY EDITION – Wednesday, October 13, 2010

District Earns State Standard of Excellence Awards!

Elementary Reading Awards - Grade 4, Grade 6, Building Level Reading

Elementary Math Awards – Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 6, Building Level Math

Elementary Science Awards – Building Level Science

Junior/Senior High Reading Awards – Grade 7, Grade 8, Building Level Reading

Junior/Senior High Mathematics Awards – Grade 8, Building Level Math

ACCHS Volleyball Team Continues to Roll (ranked 2nd in class 3A)– The high school girls volleyball team ran its record up to 32 -1 after defeating DVL foes Wathena and Troy Tuesday night -- Senior Parents' Night. On Saturday, the varsity traveled to Atchison for the Atchison High tournament where the girls went undefeated winning all their matches in two games to capture the tourney championship. So far, the varsity girls have won three invitational tournaments – Nemaha Valley, Wellsville and Atchison.

Next Tuesday, October 19, 2010, the varsity girls' volleyball team will host the DVL Championships. First and second place winners from each division will square off at 5:00 p.m. followed by the consolation game. The championship match will be the last match of the night beginning right after the conclusion of the consolation match.

Sub-state action is scheduled for Saturday, October 23 at JCN-Winchester. Matches will begin at 1:00 p.m. This is a single elimination tournament with the winner qualifying to compete at the Class 3A State Volleyball Championships in Salina on October 29-30.



ACCHS Varsity Football Team Suffers 1st Defeat of Season (listed in top rankings of class 3A)

— The varsity football team fell to the Pleasant Ridge Rams 33-22 last Friday night, Homecoming night. The team's record now stands at 5-1 as the Tigers prepare to enter district play against Horton on Friday October 15. They will conclude their season with two district home games, MH-MA and Sabetha, on Friday, October 22 and Thursday, October 28. The Tigers will advance to Bi-District play if they take 1st or 2nd place in district. Bi-District play begins Tuesday, November 2.



ACCHS Cross Country Kicks-off Homecoming Football Game with its 2nd Annual

Homecoming Run - The ACCHS Cross Country team presented the homecoming game ball to the officials just in time for kick-off after running in pairs from Easton to Tiger Stadium. The team carried the ball over 34 miles of dirt, gravel and paved roads as part of the annual homecoming festivities.

The varsity girls and boys cross country team will travel to Rim-Rock (Lawrence) on Thursday, October 14 to compete in their very first DVL championship.

Regional Cross Country is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, at Marysville Country Club, Marysville, KS. The girls will run at 3:00 p.m. followed by the boys at 3:30 p.m.



Homecoming King and Queen

Crowned - Prior to the game the ACCHS Homecoming Royalty were introduced followed by the crowning of Darren Falk as King and Emily Warriner, Queen. Other royalty candidates were Korie Thompson, Riley Hundley, Brittaney Miller, and Garrett Atzenweiler. (Pictured from L-R Riley Hundley, Brittaney Miller, Emily Warriner, Darren Falk, Garrett Atzenweiler and Korie Thompson)



STAFF ITEMS

Elementary cook, Diane Besinger's husband Mike is in ICU at Heartland Regional Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo., recovering from heart surgery. Mike is experiencing some pain as you might expect, but doing well all things considered. I am certain that Diane and family would appreciate you keeping Mike in your prayers.

Condolences to Ernie Bautista whose father passed away last week.

It's been two weeks and one day now since the birth of Charles Watkins III (Trey), who was born at 11:15 a.m. on September 28, 2010. A belated congratulations to Charles and Jodi Watkins!!

Flu Shot Clinic Scheduled – A flu shot clinic has been scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2010, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for anyone over 18 years of age. A FREE flu shot will be provided to persons with the following insurance programs: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Coventry, Medicare Part B, Humana Gold and Advantra Medicare Supplements, and Railroad Medicare. You must have your insurance card available. For those who do not have any of the aforementioned insurance coverage, the cost of the flu shot will be \$25. Pneumonia shot is also available.

A FREE pneumonia shot will be provided to persons with the following insurance programs : Blue Cross Blue Shield, Coventry, Medicare Part B, Humana Gold and Advantra Medicare Supplements, and Railroad Medicare. You must have your insurance card available.

For those without any of the above insurance coverage, the cost of the pneumonia shot will be \$50.

KCSH Grant Award - USD 377 Atchison County Community School District has been awarded a Kansas Coordinated School Health grant for the 2010-2011 school year. The Kansas Coordinated School Health (KCSH) grant program is in its eighth year of providing health resources, technical assistance, trainings and funding to Kansas school districts; is a partnership between the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE); and is committed to assisting schools in promoting healthy behaviors, eliminating barriers to learning,

KC Wolf will be at Atchison County Community Elementary School on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 8:30am. His presentation is titled, "Being a Winner in Life", which emphasizes self-esteem, doing your best and saying "NO" to drugs.

Elementary School Kitchen Phone Connected – Cooks at the elementary can now be reached by calling 833-9155.

Center for Innovative School Leadership(CISL) Study Underway – CISL is in the process of conducting an efficiency study of Keystone Learning Services and all seven member school districts (McLouth, JCN, Jeff West, Perry, Valley Falls, Oskaloosa, and 377). The purpose of the study is to determine if there are ways to share resources, staff and programs to become more efficient and save money. Selected representatives from each district will be asked to meet with the CISL team on Wednesday, October 28, and Thursday, October 29.

Student Enrollment Down/Budget Max Revised - Early estimates of an increase in student enrollment did not play out as expected. On September 20, the all important state-wide count day, our K-12 headcount dropped by 18 students from last year. District full-time equivalency (FTE), which is used to calculate base state aid was down 30.5FTEs. A summary of enrollment over the past five years can be found on page five of this newsletter.

The net effect is going to be a loss of about \$179,000 in state aid from this year's adopted budget. Included in that budget was \$64,192 of K-12 High At-Risk funding was budgeted in case free lunch rates hit 40%. Because we were slightly below the 40% high at-risk mark at the end of last year, we went ahead and included the additional high at-risk funding in our budget. We did this so that we would not have to republish the budget if in fact our free lunch percentage reached the 40% level. Schools receive significant additional funding if their free lunch percentage is 40% or more.

Overall, we project a drop in budget authority of \$11,664 from last year. We won't know our true legal budget maximum until the state auditor has completed a review of our district.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, October 11, 2010, Regular Session

7:00 PM Meeting Called to Order

Board members in attendance: Jeff Martin-President, Cindy Ladd-Vice President, Steve Caplinger, and Todd Gigstad, and Steve Meeks. Board members absent: Tom Lee, Michael Postma.

Consent Agenda Items

-- *Approved minutes from September 13, 2010.* (Note – minutes are posted on the district website)

-- *Approved non-resident student applications*

-- *Personnel*

Supplemental contracts approved - Angie Kimmi, 8th Grade Math Club sponsor; Susan Kramer – 7th Grade Math Club sponsor; Joyce Thompson – Elementary PDC; Eileen Montgomery – Elementary PDC; Nate Smith – HS Basketball Assistant; Cy Wallisch – HS Assistant Track; Cody Sprang – HS Assistant Wrestling;

Classified Contracts - Laura Pennington – 8 hour contract; Lorraine Strine – 8 hour contract

Volunteers Approved - Linda Bottorff – elementary; Cherise Smith – extracurricular activities

Emergency Subs - Daniel Drimmel

Classified Subs - Retha Holtom

--*Approved the Communities That Care survey to be given to students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12.*

Superintendent's Report

-- *K.S.A. 72-1126 Community Service Programs.* Handout provided for the Board's information.

-- *JSH North Parking update.* Advised the Board that the northeast parking asphalt project was completed.

-- *Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program* – Project Application for Safe Room Construction (Tornado Shelter). Advised Board of progress on the development of a process for planning, designing and applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant through KDEM and FEMA.

-- *Enrollment/Budget Legal Max update.* Presented information on district enrollment and current year budget based on district FTE count from September 20. (See Superintendent's notes included)

--*Sports Complex Concession Stand and Overflow Parking Update.* Discussed the idea of using the section of land that sits just north of the JSH between the bus lot and the softball field (the old HS football practice field). Also discussed other overflow parking ideas. Recommended the Board to consider locating the sports complex concession stand at the north end of this parcel of green space as well as using that area for additional parking. (see aerial photo included)

-- *Five Year Capital Expenditure Plan.* Discussed the process for revising the Five Year Capital Expenditure Plan.

Old Business

-- *Bus Bids.* The Board approved the purchase of two 60-passenger Bluebird buses from Kansas Truck, Wichita, KS., at a low bid cost of \$142,746. Fund – Capital Outlay.

-- *Eligibility Policy Language Revisions.* It was determined that Board policy IC – Extracurricular Activities needed clarification. The new language was approved. The effect of the policy remains the same.

IC Extracurricular Activities

Student participation in extracurricular activities, grades 7-12, will meet existing KSHSAA eligibility standards and must also meet district minimum scholarship requirements. For the purpose of this policy, extracurricular activities are defined as any interscholastic activity that falls under the auspices of KSHSAA and all other activities as determined by the building principal. Prior to the beginning of each school year, the building principal shall inform the superintendent and the school board which activities not under KSHSAA authority that are to be

governed by this policy.

Minimum scholarship requirements for participation in all extracurricular activities in grades 7-12 will be as follows:

- A. All high school students, grades 9-12, must have attained a minimum 2.0 grade point average in all coursework attempted at the high school level.
- B. All students, grades 7-8, must have attained a minimum 2.0 grade point average in all coursework attempted at the junior high level.
- C. Eligibility for the first semester of the ninth grade year will be based on the student's junior high cumulative grade point average.
- D. Student grade point averages will be calculated on a semester basis to determine eligibility.
- E. Students who have not met the minimum 2.0 grade point average will be ineligible to participate the following semester.

-- **Student Trips Approved.** The Board approved the following student trips.

- HS FFA to attend the 83rd National FFA Convention October 20-23 in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Kindergarten classes to Renyer's Pumpkin Farm in Wetmore, KS
- Cross Country Team trip to Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS
- Soundmasters to perform at Dooley Center for Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- JH STUCO to Lawrence for leadership training and planning.

-- **CBIZ Health Insurance Scope of Services Proposal Approved.** The board approved to contract with CBIZ to provide health insurance consulting services at a cost of \$5,000.

New Business

-- **KASB Delegates Appointed.** The Board appointed Cindy Ladd as the KASB Legislative Delegate and Todd Gigstad as alternate.

USD 377 BUS BID TABULATION SUMMARY 10/11/2010

Vendor	Company Rep	Bus	Engine	Price	Cost for two buses
Allied Bus Sales	Brian Watley	2012 IC	MaxxForce 7	\$79,986.00	
1101 Kenneth St.	816-518-6047	Trade-in Bus 33	International	<u>\$(2,500.00)</u>	
Nixa, MO 65714	417-725-2685 ext312	Total	220hp	\$77,486.00	\$157,472.00

Midwest Bus Sales	Dennis Boyer	2012 Thomas	Cummins ISB-10	\$78,034.00	
313 Front	913-422-1000	Trade-in Bus 33	200-260hp	<u>\$(1,000.00)</u>	
Bonner Springs, KS 66012		Total		\$77,034.00	\$155,068.00

Kansas Truck	Brian P. Linnens	2012 Bluebird	Cummins ISB-10	\$75,873.00	
1521 S. Tyler Rd.	316-722-4291 tel	Trade-in Bus 33	200-260hp	<u>\$(9,000.00)</u>	
Wichita, KS 67209	316-644-0631 cell 800-365-0217	Total		\$66,873.00	\$142,746.00

Cornhusker	Alan Hinemeyer	2011 IC	MaxxForce 7	\$83,158.30	
4502 S. 110th St.	402-331-8801	Trade-in Bus 33	International	<u>\$(2,500.00)</u>	
Omaha, NE 68137		Total	220hp	\$80,658.30	\$163,816.60