

Board Highlights



Board Highlights will be sent out each month, following the Board of Education meeting, to communicate to District staff and stakeholders the essential topics discussed and voted on during the meeting.

**June 3, 2013
6:30 p.m.**

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Jody Pendleton of YPS's Alternative School presented on this year's successes for the program, including 60 graduates, a 92% success rate, and no seniors returning for summer remediation. The program was awarded the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence Best Alternative School, and the video that was submitted was shared.
- ❖ An update for the Professional Flex Plan, formerly known as the Early Release Plan, was given to the Board. This plan will provide all teachers with time to participate in weekly team meetings and collaboration, designed to promote gains in student achievement. The plan will begin **Wednesday, October 16** and conclude **Wednesday, March 12**. The student schedule at school on Wednesdays will start at the regular time but will release one hour earlier than the rest of the week. More information will be communicated throughout the summer to District staff and parents.

Business Items

- ❖ The Board approved awarding a contract to Tyler Technologies for their product, Infinite Visions, which will provide a one-stop online shop for our Human Resources, Budget and Financial systems. This integrated solution will provide more efficient reporting capabilities both for our needs as well as for SDE-required reports. The product also has the option for an online employee portal, allowing all staff members to access their W-2 form online, view paystubs, change personal information, contracts, etc.

- ❖ The Board approved awarding a contract to Southwest Food Service for an enhanced child nutrition program in our schools. Among the services they will provide are increased menu variety with fresh fruit and vegetable bars; support from registered dietitians; hands-on training for cafeteria staff from a regional culinary support team; a food court dining atmosphere; increased community involvement and participation; and nutrition education for students, parents, teachers, and administration.

Personnel

New Hires

- ❖ Joe Billington will serve as Asst. Principal of Yukon HS. He comes to us from Norman PS but has served as administrator, science teacher, and coach in a variety of OK school districts. He holds a Masters in Education Administration and several certifications.
- ❖ Kristi Kargl will also serve as Asst. Principal of Yukon HS. She comes to us with 18 years in the Broken Arrow district. Her experience ranges from administration to teacher to Curriculum Coordinator. She holds a Masters in Education and certifications in a number of disciplines.
- ❖ Heather Mitchell will join the Lakeview ES staff as their Asst. Principal. She holds a Masters degree in Education along with several certifications and comes to us from Mustang PS, where she held positions in administration, teaching, and as Professional Development Chairperson.
- ❖ Valerie Sauls is hired as the Asst. Principal of Yukon MS. She holds a Masters degree in Educational Leadership and has a substantial amount of experience with bully prevention, crisis recovery and parent/community support through founding and serving on a variety of educational committees during her time in the Putnam City SD. She comes to YPS from Western Oaks MS, where she most recently served as principal.

Promotions

- ❖ Binet Castleberry is appointed the Asst. Principal of Yukon HS. Ms. Castleberry was previously the Administrative Intern at Yukon HS but also has teaching experience both within YPS and in the Denton PS district. She has a Masters in Education Administration and numerous certifications.
- ❖ Thad McCormick will also be serving the district as an Asst. Principal of Yukon HS, where he has been since 2008, serving as a math teacher, coach, Asst. Principal intern, and as a member of the Safety & Discipline Committee. He holds a variety of certifications and a Masters of Science in Educational Leadership. Prior to joining YPS, he was on staff at Stillwater Jr. High for 2 years.

- ❖ Roni McKee has been promoted to Principal of Independence ES. Ms. McKee was previously the Administrative Intern at the school, and prior to that, she served for 5 years in various capacities for Edmond PS. She holds a Masters degree in Instructional Leadership and multiple certifications.

Assistant Superintendent Named

- ❖ Jason D. Brunk is named as the Asst. Superintendent of Human Capital for YPS. Dr. Brunk comes to Yukon with an Ed.D. in Education, Administration, Curriculum and Supervision from the University of Oklahoma. He has eighteen years of educational experience in the state of Oklahoma.

His various roles include:

- Fifteen Years in Administration:
 - Principal, Newcastle High School
 - Assistant Principal, Yukon High School
 - Assistant Principal, Putnam City North High School
 - Principal, Carnegie Junior High School
 - Assistant Principal, Guymon Junior High School
- Three Years as an Educator:
 - Teacher/Coach, Putnam City High School
 - Teacher/Coach, Mustang Middle School

Dr. Brunk has repeated success in leadership roles, most recently leading Newcastle High School to receive an "A" grade from the State Department of Education. They also increased ACT scores, the number of Advanced Placement tests taken and passed, the number of students in concurrent enrollment and improved EOI scores in all areas. Additionally, he has a strong track record of writing and receiving educational grants, having been awarded \$150,000 in funding while at Newcastle. Dr. Brunk has proven to be a strong and determined leader and is passionate about and dedicated to recruiting and retaining high quality educators. He is also very excited to return to Yukon, where his family calls home.

Board Member Communications & Announcements

- ❖ Board of Education member Jeff Deckard announced his resignation from the BOE effective immediately. The Board has begun searching for his replacement.