

Board Highlights



Board Highlights are 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.

**November 4, 2013
6:30 p.m.**

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Mr. Denton recognized the YHS varsity softball team for being named 6A Academic Champions.
- ❖ Mr. Denton recognized the Yukon FFA students for a variety of awards they have won this year.
- ❖ Mr. Milliron, Ag instructor, gave additional information about the program and asked the BOE to consider offering the program to 8th graders as well as adding a 3rd teacher to the program. The SDE recognizes our program is large enough to merit an additional instructor.

Business Items

- ❖ Putnam and Associates gave audit report.
 - General fund and Building fund are in negative trends due to lack of federal ARRA funding.
 - Other federal assistance has also decreased.
 - Mr. Putnam reported a clean audit.
 - Purchasing iTunes gift cards was a negative mark (due to no method for accountability).
 - Praise was given to CFO Jim Fenrick and his financial leadership.
- ❖ The Foundation of Excellence banquet is scheduled for November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Palace Event Center to recognize those teachers who have been awarded this year's grants.
- ❖ Kathy Davis presented information regarding the A-F report card.
 - She reminded the BOE of the challenges faced by all districts during the 10-day verification window, including individual YPS school grades changing 10 times during the process.
- ❖ A report on the YHS athletic complex construction was provided.
- ❖ Mr. Denton made a statement announcing his resignation effective Jan. 1.
 - He recognized individuals who have helped make the district what it is today.

Business Items cont'd

- ❖ The Board reviewed several superintendent evaluation instruments but decided to table the vote until more information is received on what models other districts use.
- ❖ The Board discussed the new superintendent's contract length and salary range.
 - Proposal included salary of \$130,000-\$170,000 and a 3 year contract but will continue discussing.
- ❖ Resolution approved to call for election for Board of Education Post #4 (currently filled by Mr. Yetter).
- ❖ Dr. Brunk presented information on the 3 vacant administrator positions: IT Director, Chief Education Officer, and Secondary Curriculum Coordinator.
 - He provided a description of each job's duties.
 - He requested the Board members consider giving an answer on the ability to rehire these positions by the December BOE meeting.
 - Kathy Davis clarified funding for the Sec. Curr. Coordinator position comes from grants, not general fund.
- ❖ The Board discussed and adopted new Board Policy DD regarding teachers (on YPS website).
- ❖ The Board voted to accept Mr. Denton's resignation.

Board Member Announcements

- ❖ Ms. Cannon gave a reminder about the February 11 election for Board Post#4.
- ❖ She also gave a reminder about the Foundation of Excellence Banquet on Nov. 12.
- ❖ Mr. Nail commended Mr. Denton for the service he has given the district and highlighted some of the major events and accomplishments that occurred during his tenure.
- ❖ Mr. Yetter reminded those present about the November 18 community forums set up to give a voice to YPS staff and community members regarding the hiring of our new superintendent.
- ❖ Mr. Wells commented that he has received comments from teachers who have won drawings to sit in the press box @ football games.
- ❖ Ms. Youngblood reiterated the importance of attending the Foundation banquet, as funds raised will go back to give teachers future grants.
- ❖ Ms. Cannon recognized Karen Evans, who recently was named Oklahoma State Science Teacher of the Year.