

May 14, 2019

Re: Superintendent's School Board Report

Board Goal 1: Increase academic achievement across the district.

- ACT 30: Comprehensive plan to address ACT scores. Plan will involve a strategic implementation starting at 5th grade to increase the number of students scoring a 30 or higher on the ACT assessment. A detailed presentation will be provided at our June meeting.
- CORE (Consortium of Reaching Excellence) Intensive reading training for all K-2 certified teachers. This is a five-day training spread out through course of year specifically targeting quality reading instruction for early readers.
- Working with 3-5 teachers to incorporate a novel instructional unit.
- Working on ELS implementation from CASE 21. This is a new assessment that will replace CASE 21. This is a more rigorous assessment that will help us target the MAEP.
- I-Ready implementation in grades 3-8. This is an online supplemental program for targeted interventions and enrichments.
- Lexia implementation at the K-2 level. This is an online targeted program for reading instruction interventions and enrichment.
- Project Lead the Way training is happening May 28.
- Marzano Effective Instructional Practices training for Administration team.

Board Goal 2: Provide a safe, secure and orderly environment in all schools.

- Lock door corrective analysis is ongoing. There has been a significant decrease in number of unlocked doors.
- Additional 3 SROs have been hired and will be in training and placed after July 1. This gives us a total of 9 SRO officers. The city funds six officers. The district funds three officers.
- Beginning the safety audit recommendations. We are going out to bid on door swipe system at all doors and hope to complete project by the beginning of school. We are also in process of updating our security alarm and camera system.
- CHAMPS: Two people from each school are being trained to lead implementation in the 2019-2020 school year. Typically, the principal and the assistant principal are attending the training.
- In process of going out to bid for new parking lot and fencing at Church Street Elementary School.
- Implementing additional security upgrades at all schools.

Board Goal 3: Attract and retain all stakeholders.

- Expanded Middle College conversation with CDF and CREATE. Ready to begin implementing next steps.
- Met with Army representatives to begin implementation process for next school year of an ROTC program.
- Hiring an Integrated Arts coordinator to work with all schools on arts integration.
- Meeting with music and teachers to discuss next steps to enhance current programs.

Board Goal 4: Maintain sound financial stability.

- Fund Balance: 28,878,356.71
- State and Local Revenue: 62,336,527.51
46.33%
- Conducting resource map meetings with principals and department heads to go over individual budgets in an effort to identify needs and pockets of unspent funding.
- Two-week turnaround paying all vendors.
- Do not have to issue tax anticipation notes to make payroll while waiting for ad valorem.
- Maintain AA- bond rating which is as high as any school district in the state.

This concludes the superintendent's report. There are obviously many additional accomplishments that have occurred this month in various departments and schools. We spent a considerable amount of time hiring administrative staff. Principals are involved in hiring staff for schools.

Thank you. sc