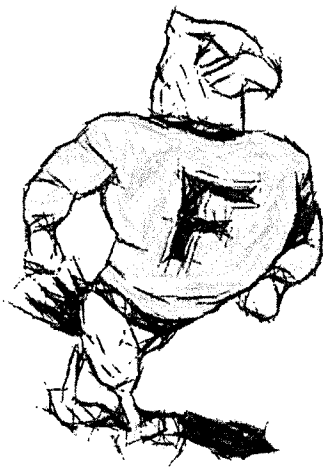


August 2023 Board Highlight



Superintendent's Summary

The tax rate hearing was the first meeting of the night. There were no questions or comments from the public that were in attendance for this hearing. The board voted to keep the tax rate at the same rate as last year, with the operating levy being set at 4.2200 and the debt service being set at 0.7762 for a total levy of 4.9962. By keeping the levy the same, we made good on the promise of our bond issue being a no-tax increase from the April election.

Mrs. Hill gave her report and shared the process of learning new faces and names and the excitement that comes with a new school and new challenges. She spoke highly of the elementary staff and their participation in her first faculty meeting. She also highlighted open house and spoke to the increased enrollment numbers in several of our grades.

Mrs. Arnette spoke about 6th grade orientation, and her report highlighted some of the curriculum work the teachers did over the summer. She was complimented on her Back to School Falcon Focus that was sent to families. She also spoke to the participation rate of 6th grade orientation as we had an excellent turnout of students and parents.

Mr. Dobson's report discussed the efforts to focus on student attendance this year and plans for Falcon Assemblies to acknowledge the students maintaining excellent attendance. He gave information in regards to the sports schedule and Meet the Falcons Night at the football field. He also highlighted our increased enrollment and indicated that he thought the number was anticipated to increase even more before school starts.

Mr. Doolin's report focused on the ASBR which had been submitted. The district finished the FY23 with a 60.21% fund balance. This was a great year financially for the district, and we are fortunate to have a healthy fund balance percentage. Mr. Doolin expressed appreciation to Commercial Trust, the Baptist Church, and Linn United Methodist Church for serving lunch for the teachers during PD this week.

The board took the following actions:

1. Approved the ASBR Annual Secretary of the Board Report
2. Approved the bids for tires, fuel, and oil to Home Oil, Jireh Inc., and Wrights Oil Service
3. Approved the tuition rate be set at \$10,950 for the 23-24 school year
4. Approved the Common Fund Grant for Imagination Library through the Dollywood Foundation
5. Approved the membership to MARE Missouri Association of Rural Education
6. Approved the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
7. Approved the surplus of old football jerseys and helmets
8. Approved the EDR Contract with ThirtySevenFour through MOREnet.

Closed Session included the approval of the substitute teachers list, the Falcon Club teachers and tutors, Ms. Milz as CMS Stuco sponsor, Ms. Grissum as the PBIS sponsor, and Mrs. Williams as the prom sponsor.

Next BOE Meeting:

*September 20, 2023
Board Meeting*

Board Members:

Aaron Bentley

Kristen Gibbs

Matt Hudson

John Stroupe

Skip Vandelicht

Sarah Wies

Shauna Young