BOARD OF EDUCATION
SAVANNAH R3 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Savannah R3
Staff Board Briefs

February 9, 2023

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Visitors to the Board Meeting: None

Staff and Personnel

Staff Recognition: The Minnie Cline Custodial staff was recognized for winning the 'Cleanest School Award' by Hillyard Chemical.

New Hires: Melissa Miller - 6th Grade Science at SMS, Sarah Musser - 6th Grade ELA at SMS, Kimberly Spencer - Sped Teacher at SMS, Chelsie Jargo - Sped Teacher at SMS, Krystal Lisenbee - Secretary at John Glenn Elementary, Tara Thompson - Counselor at SMS, Michelle Heastan Para at SHS, Grace Myers - Math Teacher at SMS, and Keelyn Elder - District Speech & Language Pathologist. Welcome to the tribe!

Transfers: Melissa Jackson - SMS Math Teacher to SHS Math Teacher, Joanna Hays - SHS Assistant Principal to SMS Principal, Kay Huffman SMS 6-hour food service to SMS Kitchen Manager.

Retirement: Vickie Thompson - SMS Kitchen Manager

Resignation: Alexis Marshall - District Parents as Teachers Coordinator, Nicole Compton - John Glenn Secretary, and Makayla McCoy - 3rd gr. Teacher at Minnie Cline.



Finances

Bills: Bills approved this month total $128,746.01.

Surplus Property to be sold: The SR3 technology department is selling surplus computer monitors, Dell computer towers, and Chromebooks on Surplusprop.com. See the board agenda for more information, or Contact the tech department.

General Journal: At the end of January, the district cash balance was $18,038,431.56. A full report can be found on the board agenda.

Bids: The board accepted a Bid from Stanbury Uniforms for 120 new band uniforms. *Note: our current band uniforms were purchased in 2013.*

Action Made

2023-24 Draft Calendar: The Board approved the draft calendar as presented with one alteration - on the draft, graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 26th, the 1st Sunday after the last scheduled day of school. The board voted to move graduation to May 19, 2024, to avoid Memorial weekend. This change will be reflected in the final calendar adopted at the March business meeting.

Lease Purchase Financing: At the January business meeting, the Board voted to work with Raymond James on a lease financing program to capture approximately $2.6 million for the purpose of making energy savings improvements across the district. In researching and working on structuring the financing of the agreement, Raymond James was able to secure more than they originally thought. The final proposal will capture an excess of $3 million and reduce the associated professional fees. This will result in cost savings of over $14,000 from their initial proposal in January. The board approved the agreement through Raymond James and Webster bank to finance the lease agreement.

Network Equipment: The current SR3 Network equipment is nearing the end of its life, which means it will no longer be supported and updated by the equipment provider. Additionally, there have been significant increases in requirements by our Cybersecurity insurance provider. We are currently unable to meet those requirements.

The Board voted to accept a Bid from C&C group out of Lenexa, Kansas, to replace the aging equipment with new leased equipment and manage the cybersecurity of the network remotely. The basic maintenance of all network equipment will be handled by the district technology department, but bigger issues and fixes will be covered by C&C. A portion of the cost for the equipment and services will be reimbursed through the E-Rate program.

Discussion and Program Reviews

None

Informational Items and Upcoming Dates

Upcoming Work Session: Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6 pm at the District Office

Upcoming Board Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7 pm at the District Office