



Educating All Children To Meet  
Tomorrow's Challenges

## School Board Report June 15, 2023

### GOOD NEWS, RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Boys Track & Baseball State Championships
- Regional Radio Dream Teams
- Graduation
- Kindergarten Promotion
- HS Child Development class makes monsters for 3rd graders
- IS Tiger Tribe Bench
- IS Career Day
- MS Parking Lot Chalk Art
- HS Drams students to St. Louis High School Musical Theater Awards
- HS certified Chromebook repair people
- SRO Placke Live-Saver Award

### Good News, Recognitions, Announcements



Some members and coaches of the boys track and baseball teams were present to be recognized in person by the board.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### APPROVED

- [Minutes from May meeting](#)
- [May financials](#)
- [June Ledger subtotals](#)
- 2nd & Final reading of 2023B Policy Updates: IGAB, IGC, IKE, IL, IND
- Athletic Trainer Contract - Mercy
- ASPEN (Accessing Services Providing Essential Needs) Contract for 2023-24 School Year
- AMI (Alternative Methods of Instruction) DESE Application
- Bid for disposal of chemicals at FHS
- Weeded material from Intermediate & Elementary Libraries
- Budget amendment to match year end expenditures and revenues for FY '23

### Minutes from May meeting

### May Financials

### June Ledger subtotals

### COMMUNICATIONS AND/OR REPORTS

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Dr. Ruess says it's been an amazing first year. She has enjoyed interacting with teachers, coaches, staff and students. Appreciates the opportunity the board has given her and is excited to begin year 2.
- Championship rings for the boys track and baseball state championship teams. Vendors are being vetted. Dr. Ruess, and coaches will design with senior input. 8-12 week turn around. Ring distribution dates are being discussed. Based on schedules it may be December.
- The 2nd Annual Jefferson County Safety Summit being called the Mental Health Summit this year, will be held in the Performing Arts Center on July 17.
- Infinite Campus conversion is coming along. Hopeful to begin online registration in mid-July
- Summer school is halfway over. Thursday, June 29 is the last day.
- Summer School attendance is up. 1292 students are still enrolled, that's up 105 from this time last year.
- The regular school year ended with 3294 students enrolled. Principals are working on attendance incentives for the 2023-24 school year.
- On July 7, emergency responders will conduct emergency response training on the Festus R-VI Campus.

#### FACILITIES REPORT

- Summer projects are moving along. Abatement at the elementary school is in demolition phase. That should be completed by next week.
- Roy Mangan from ArchImages [updated the board](#) on the middle school expansion project. The current plan is to receive bids in October with an expected construction end date of December 2024.

### MS Classroom Expansion Drawings

### PRIOR & NEW BUSINESS

- Approved PE, Fine Arts & Social Studies standards to be developed and approved during the 2023-24 school year.
- Approved a [perpetual calendar](#) for the Board of Education meetings to ensure required reports and approvals are done annually
- Approved [dates for Board of Education meetings](#) for the 2023-24 school year
- Approved [FY '24 Budget](#)
  - Projected to deficit spend by more than \$800,000 during FY'24. Attributable to starting up Early Childhood Center without state reimbursement (that will come in FY '25) and increased salaries.
  - Reserves projected to be at 28%-30%

### Perpetual Calendar

### 2023-24 Board of Education Meeting Dates

### FY '24 Budget Booklet

### ARMBRUSTER NAMED NEW GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY COACH



Wes Armbruster has been named the new Head Coach of the Girls Cross Country team. Coach Armbruster has been an assistant cross country coach for the past ten years winning 9 state championships (8 boys, 1 girls) and 2 additional state trophies (1 boys, 1 girls). He has been the Head Coach for the Girls Track and Field team for the past 5 years, after having served the previous 5 as an assistant. Prior to coming to Festus, Coach Armbruster was the head cross country coach at Perryville High School from 2004-2006 leading the girls to a District championship in 2004 and the boys to a 3rd place finish in the state meet in 2005. Coach Bryant Wright will continue as the Head Coach of the Boys Cross Country team.



### Website