

# DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024 MEETINGS

- Work continues on the construction projects at Bennet Elementary and Palmyra High School. Hopefully, the recent warmer weather continues throughout the rest of the spring. Two student-created videos and updated construction progress pictures are now available to view on our district website at [www.districtor1.net](http://www.districtor1.net)
- Mr. Austin Lahmon (Elementary Counselor), Mrs. Kloreace Linke (School Psychologist), and Mrs. Kori Vodicka (PHS Counselor) presented information on student mental health supports and programs. The presentation included information on mental health "screener" instruments, small group mentoring, character education, student activities, academic support, and career and workplace readiness opportunities. Special thanks to these individuals for the outstanding work and collaboration they exhibit in helping support our students, staff, and families.
- The Superintendent /Administrative Reports contained information on the following topics: student and community kudos, activities update, social media, winter weather, student enrollment, 2022 bond update, 2024/2025 certified staffing proposal, 2024 Legislative update, parent-teacher conferences, staff development, and high school class scheduling for next year.
- The next board meetings are scheduled for **Monday, March 11th, 2024** at PHS. The Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) special meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with the regular board meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be located in the media center. All are welcome to attend these public meetings.
- February is Career Technical Education (CTE) Recognition month. CTE topics discussed during the regular board meeting included: equipment items procured through a new state grant, student successes at the state and local level in FFA and FCCLA, and the nomination of Mrs. Paxton as the State FCS Teacher of the Year.
- The board approved the current pay application from BIC Construction and additional invoices related to services completed to date on various school facility expansion projects. A BIC Construction representative also provided a current construction update for Bennet Elementary and Palmyra Jr./Sr. High School. Pictures of current construction progress and a BIC update report were also shared.
- The board approved the addition of the following certified staff positions: High School English, High School Science, High School Math, High School Business /Physical Education, Elementary Teacher, and the Director of Student Programs for the 2024-2025 school year. The board also approved the most recent Rule 10 report, classified and certified staff "letters of intent", compensation increases for classified and administrative staff, the sale and disposal of school equipment, and the Superintendent Contract Amendment.
- Board members also summarized highlights from the following district committee meetings: Negotiations, Americanism, Policy, and Budget
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