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# Board Meeting Report

May 16, 2019 - Recognition



**OLIVIA RIEK, DESE AWARD for OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT in CITIZENSHIP** ... Timberland High School junior Olivia Riek was recognized for having received the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 2019 Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship, which is reserved for those who demonstrate high academic achievement, extracurricular leadership and community service.



**ADAM ROUTT, MIZZOU MUSIC COMPOSITION AWARD** ... Timberland junior Adam Routt was recognized for having won second place in the High School Jazz Division of the 2019 Creating Original Music Project at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Adam's musical composition, "Rad World," was performed during the Senior Division recital at the 2019 Creating Original Music Project Festival last month at Mizzou, and was also performed by the Timberland Jazz Band at this year's Spring Concert.



**SEAL OF BILITERACY** ... The District's first students to achieve the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy were recognized for their accomplishment. The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy and Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy promote active participation in a global society and economy by incentivizing, recognizing, and celebrating the acquisition of biliteracy skills and sociocultural competencies. Bilingualism and an awareness of world cultures improve cognition, behavior and problem-solving, and can lead to additional career



opportunities when students enter the workforce.

Thirty six states and the District of Columbia have established a Seal of Biliteracy and additional states are in the process of doing so. Missouri approved the Seal two years ago and our District introduced the Seal of Biliteracy and Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy, with the approval of the Board of Education, in January of this year. We are excited and proud to announce that 39 students across our three high schools have met the rigorous criteria to earn the Seal of Biliteracy and five students earned the Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy. We also had two students who earned dual seals (in two languages).

The students at Holt High School who have achieved the Seal of Biliteracy are: Kimberly Coulon and Grace Fugate for French, and Sarah Sargent and Megan Wood for German.

The students at Liberty High School who have achieved the Seal of Biliteracy are Ian Beardslee, Luke Carter, Ryley Pickering, Greta Rompel, Mitchell Sanderson, and Paityn Schlosser for German, Chasteanne Salvosa for French, Jenna Woodside and Sylvia Young for Spanish, and Devin Eckardt who earned dual Seals in Spanish and French.

The students at Timberland High School who have achieved the Seal of Biliteracy are: Nicholas Ehlmann, Kiley Freed, Alexis Hohenshell, Mackenzie Lucas, Emily Nelson, Brendan Riddle, Selorm Sosuh, and Anna Turner for French; Alexandra Davis, Kaitlin Quintana, and Aaron Reed for German; Allison Allen, Shelby Barnett, Abigail Cozzoni, Madeline Dando, Melaina Fischer, Alexis Goodman, Alexander Jackson, Dakota Johnson, Emily Kirchner, Allison McDonald, McKayla Sanders, Alisha White, and Alyssa Young for Spanish.

The students who have achieved the Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy are all from Timberland and they are: Sumin Hwang for Korean, Coleman Clark for Spanish, Meg Gorton for Spanish and Sofia Angel, who earned dual Distinguished Seals of Biliteracy in Spanish and French.



**CSIP STEERING COMMITTEE ...** Members of the CSIP Steering Committee were recognized for their time and efforts related to creating the District's new five-year strategic plan. DESE requires school districts to create a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) every five years. To begin our CSIP process last fall, we convened a Steering Committee made up of parents, students, teachers, administrators, and community members who met 12 times over the past seven months. The first charge of the CSIP committee was to help guide our GPS community

engagement efforts. The CSIP steering committee used the data from those meetings, combined with the CSIP survey results, to help craft the goals, focus areas, and action steps that have been incorporated into our CSIP document. Finally, they assisted with their input on some of the early and then later concepts for a new District logo. Members of the committee include:

Albert Edney, Candice Belton, Doug Holler, Greg Lawrence, Harry Corbett, Jake Adams, Jarrett Wilson, Julia Leutkenhaus, Julia Myer, Kathy DeLaquil, Pam Frazier, Megan Stryjewski, Mary LaPak, Dr. Cain and Brad Buchanan (pictured); and Stacey Nielsen, Austin Koenig, Chris Turner, Dan Schroeder, Gayna Jensen, Jeri LaBrot, Jim Andrzejewski, Kathy Park, Keri Skeeters, and Katie Zak (not pictured).

## Personnel



The Board accepted the resignation of CFO Pamela Frazier who has accepted a position with the Webster Groves School District beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Frazier has worked for the WSD since 2013 and we wish her all the best in her new position.



The Board of Education has approved the hiring of Dani Todd as Principal of Duello Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Todd, who has served as assistant principal for the last three years at Duello, is replacing Laura Parn who was named last month as the new Executive Director of Student Services beginning July 1. Prior to becoming the assistant principal at Duello, Mrs. Todd taught kindergarten for four years and previously taught in the Hazelwood School District. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, a Masters in Educational Administration from Missouri Baptist University, an Educational Specialist in

Administration from Lindenwood University, and she is currently working on completing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Missouri Baptist University.

## Consent Agenda Items



**MARKETING PARTNER RENEWAL...** The Board approved an Advertising and Sponsorship Agreement with Cochran Engineering to partner with the District for one year at the Silver Level (\$2,500). For more information about the District's Marketing/Sponsorship Program, visit the [WSD website](#).

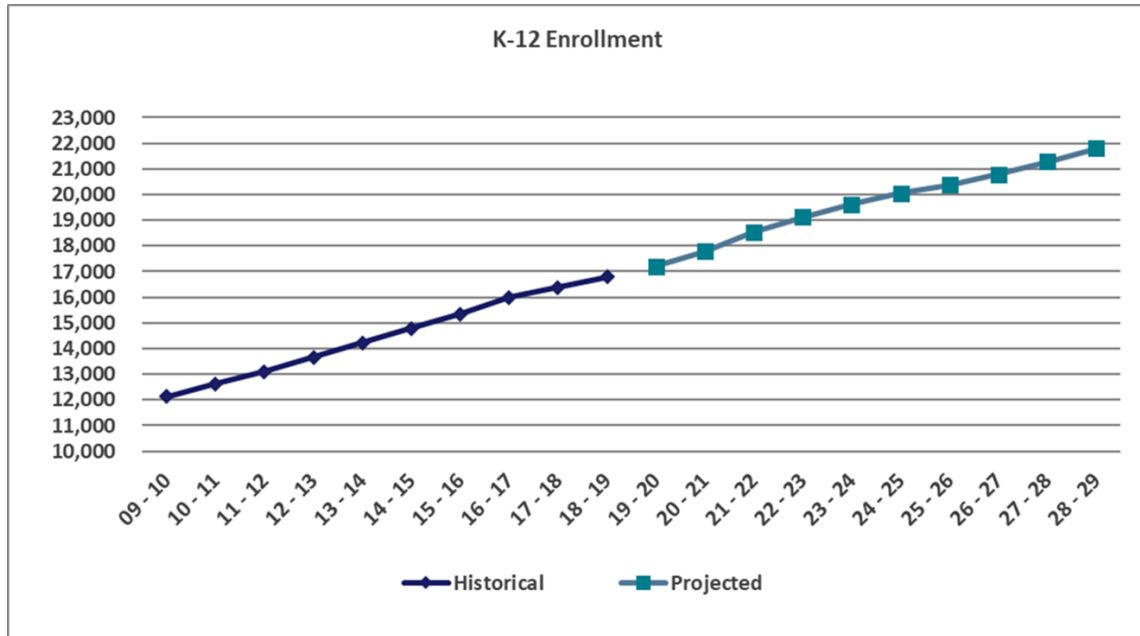
## Superintendent Reports

John Blanton, Executive Director of Facilities, presented the [Construction Report](#). He shared that weather has put the site work for the new high school behind schedule, but he assured the Board that the contractor is focusing on the building pad to get construction started as soon as possible in order to stay on target.

Board Secretary Brad Buchanan shared an update as to the first Boundary Committee Meeting, sharing that the demographer explained the process for determining building capacity and shared a glimpse of the new Demographic Report which projects that the District will [add over 5,000 students over the next ten years](#). Additional information



about the Boundary Committee and the process for setting new boundaries can be found on the [WSD website](#).



## Old Business



**CHILD NUTRITION** ... The Board approved the administration's recommendation to return to the National School Lunch Program. [Information was shared](#) with the Board indicating that although participation was up this year in terms of the number of students purchasing school meals, it has not been enough to offset the cost of moving away from the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The Board indicated they would like to see specifics related to how the Child Nutrition Department will increase revenue in order to meet the goal of breaking even next year with the return to the NSLP and requested frequent status updates to the Board throughout the school year.

## New Business



**CSIP SURVEY RESULTS ...** Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Dr. Megan Stryjewski and Chief Communications Officer Mary LaPak shared [results from the CSIP Survey](#) that was part of the process to create a new District Strategic Plan. The survey ran from late November to mid December and had 3,074 respondents.

**NEW DISTRICT LOGO ...** Director of Marketing Derrick Docket [shared a report](#) with the Board outlining the process that was used to land on a new District logo. Early concepts were shared with the CSIP Steering Committee, administrators, and Marketing and CAPS students. Their input was used to shape the two options that were shared with all stakeholders earlier this week. Over 2,400 people weighed in and over 74% preferred the banner/flag logo concept. Mr. Docket shared that the new logo will be phased in over time as items need to be replaced in order to keep costs at a minimum.



The overall design is meant to illustrate the WSD as an excellent District with a focus on the current learners of today becoming the next generation of leaders.

- Blue represents the District's history and is a unifying color for the WSD.
- Silver/gray represents the District's balance and commitment to all students.
- The Banner/Flag represents a symbol of excellence and high standards.

**2019-2024 COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ...** Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Dr. Megan Stryjewski and Chief Communications Officer Mary LaPak presented [an overview of the new Comprehensive School Improvement Plan](#) that will guide the District's work over the next five years. The plan is the result of a seven-month process that included three community engagement meetings, the CSIP Survey, and the work of the CSIP Steering Committee that parsed the input from stakeholders into the strategic plan. They shared that a final comprehensive document that includes action steps under each focus area will be posted on the WSD website as soon as it is completed.

***Next Special Board Meeting: June 12, 2019***

***Next Regular Board Meeting: June 20, 2019***