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# Board At Work



News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

## Board approves balanced budget for 2009-2010

The Pattonville Board of Education on June 23 approved a balanced operating budget for the coming school year. The board first reviewed the proposed budget during a work session and voted to lodge it for action during its meeting on June 9. The budget is based on several factors:

- A \$2 million reduction in expenditures, including the reduction of 14 staff members through retirements and resignations (not replacing positions);
- An increase in salary and benefits of 4.25 percent;
- An increase in health insurance costs; and
- A slight decrease in assessed valuation of real estate in Pattonville of less than 1 percent.

The value of residential property dropped 4.95 percent and commercial went up 5.39 percent, but growth in revenue is limited to the Consumer Price Index, which was a tenth of a percent.

The proposed 2009-2010 budget contains \$77.7 million in expenditures in the operating budget, offset by \$77.3 million in revenues and about \$400,000 in a pre-existing contingency fund to replace and update technology. The district saves an average of \$500,000 annually in a contingency fund to finance the purchase of computer replacements and to fund technology needs. The district began the technology contingency fund so that it would not have to use long-term debt financing to fund computers and other technologies that become outdated every five or six years.

## Board reviews goals for coming year

Each year, the Pattonville Board of Education sets priorities to be addressed in the coming school year. The priorities are intended to help the district fulfill its goals outlined in its Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. The board reviewed the following Areas of Emphasis for the 2009-2010 school year on June 23 and is expected to vote on them at the July 14 board meeting.



The Pattonville School District Board of Education is committed to providing exemplary educational opportunities for ALL children. In order to accomplish this goal, quality professional development must be provided for all staff (new and experienced). Partnerships with parents, business leaders, and district patrons must continue to be actively developed in order to engage the entire community as the district strives for educational excellence. In addition to the above, the Board has adopted the following Areas of Emphasis for the 2009-2010 school year:

- All students will continue to improve their performance on all measures of academic achievement.
- Curriculum and instructional practices are research based and support students becoming proficient learners.
- Student responsibility, citizenship, and overall character will continue to improve.
- Safety for students, staff, and community will continue to be evaluated and improved.
- Parents, staff, and students will continue to develop, modify, and implement school improvement plans based on data and research.
- The District Technology Plan will be implemented as appropriate.
- The District Facilities Plan will be updated as appropriate and implemented utilizing bond issue and district operating funds.
- The District Career Education programs will become a more integral component of the total educational program.
- The percentage of students involved in extra-curricular programs will increase.
- District maintenance and grounds will continue to portray an excellent image of the district.
- Plan for future reduced state and local revenues.

# Evaluating programs

On June 23, the Pattonville Board of Education reviewed evaluation reports on two programs: the career education program and the early childhood program. Below are some highlights from those reports. To see the full evaluation report on each of these programs, visit Pattonville's BoardDocs link on the district Web site ([www.psd3.org](http://www.psd3.org)) and select the agenda for the June 23 board meeting.

## Career Education Program

### What is it?

The primary purpose of the career education program is to provide real-world learning opportunities which enable students to begin a career or enter college with advanced career knowledge.

### What is coming up in 2009-2010?

Pattonville High School will offer a health occupations course with the assistance of the Special School District, which will provide a teacher and materials for this class. Health Occupations is a year-long course designed to increase interest in health care and biomedical careers by introducing students to the variety of opportunities and benefits of the industry. There will be clinical experiences in area hospitals that will consist of job shadows, group projects, service learning and individualized mentorship. In addition, Pattonville High School received \$20,000 from a St. Louis Community College grant to send a teacher to training and purchase materials to offer an aeronautical engineering program. The course will be offered in the 2010-2011 school year. Another new course for 2009-2010: Entrepreneurship. In addition, the high school will place a priority on developing a Technology Student Association.

## Early Childhood Education Program

### What is it?

The Pattonville early childhood program offers tuition-based classroom, federally-funded and early childhood special education (ECSE) opportunities for early education in nine classrooms throughout the district. The program also incorporates the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program as well as an adolescent parenting program. Currently the program is implemented by 55 staff members.

### What is coming up in 2009-2010?

The early childhood staff will work on implementing a new plan developed by the early childhood improvement team, a committee of parents and staff members. The early childhood plan sets out to: ensure students are proficient in Pattonville's early childhood curriculum, provide students with skills that will help them become responsible citizens, and foster high levels of parent/community involvement in early childhood programs. As part of the plan, the early childhood team will:

- Identify, research and use best practices that lead to effective early childhood instruction, including methods that lead to effective English Language Learners (ELL) early education;
- Increase participation in early childhood programs and services – especially among economically-challenged as well as African-American populations;
- Implement the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) program for use in homes and in early childhood classrooms and programs; the program focuses on teaching students positive or desired behaviors;
- Further develop a Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) for the early childhood program;
- Create and maintain a continuous collaboration with Head Start; and
- Identify, research, and implement staff training opportunities to effectively develop relationships with economically-challenged as well as African-American families.



Children participate in the early childhood program's recent summer health and safety fair.

# Superintendent's Update

Michael A. Fulton, Ed.D, Superintendent

## Summer enrollment offered for new students

Parents who are new to Pattonville and have elementary or middle school children to enroll for the 2009-2010 school year may pick up an enrollment packet at the Pattonville Learning Center receptionist's desk through July 24 during regular office hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The Learning Center is at 11097 St. Charles Rock Road in St. Ann. Pattonville offers summer enrollment to help register new students before the August back-to-school rush. Classes for the 2009-2010 school year will begin on Aug. 13. Completed packets may be returned on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through July 24 to the curriculum and instruction office (located on the third floor of the Learning Center) during the following times:

Tuesdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesdays – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The only exception is July 3, when the district offices will be closed. For more information, contact the curriculum and instruction office at (314) 213-8007.

## Pattonville cheerleaders become "cureleaders"

The Pattonville High School varsity cheerleaders were "cureleaders" again for this year's Komen Foundation Race for the Cure. As cureleaders, the cheerleaders supported race participants from the sidelines while educating the community about breast health. Pattonville cheerleaders cheered while race participants walked or ran with other cureleaders from other schools. They were also featured on KSDK Channel 5.



Pattonville High School cheerleaders served as "cureleaders" at the recent Komen Foundation Race for the Cure marathon.

## Pattonville earns state's bus fleet award

Pattonville's transportation department will receive a Total Fleet Excellence Award from the Missouri State Highway Patrol for excelling on its 2009 school bus inspection program. The district's fleet of 65 buses was inspected with a 98.45 percent passing during the first round of inspections. After minor repairs were made the same day, 100 percent (all) buses passed the inspection. The following individuals are responsible for maintaining Pattonville's bus fleet: Steve Gerke, director of transportation, Doug Glass, mechanic supervisor, and mechanics Mike Greifzu, Stephan O'Brien and Joe Wishnask. According to the Highway Patrol, the average pass rate on first inspection statewide was 89.9 percent. Pattonville will receive its award during the Missouri Association of Pupil Transportation Conference in July.

## Pattonville participating in Bridgeton parade

Several Pattonville High School groups will participate in the city of Bridgeton's 3th annual 4th of July parade. Joining the parade this year will be the high school marching band, varsity and junior varsity drill teams and varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 4, beginning at Avery Lane and Benedetta. The parade route proceeds on Benedetta to Tideland to Majella and enters Natural Bridge Road at City Hall, then proceeds west on Natural Bridge, ending at the east end of the Target parking lot.

# Superintendent's Update

Michael A. Fulton, Ed.D, Superintendent

## Pattonville invited to play in All Star Game

Three soccer players from Pattonville High School were selected to play in the Missouri Athletic Club North/South Senior All Star Games on June 12 at the Anheuser-Busch Soccer Park. Sean O'Bannon played forward on the North boys team, which won 2-1. Ariel Boulicault played midfield, and Candis Clark played forward for the North girls team, which won 3-1. Boulicault scored the first goal of the game. As coach of one of the final four state champion soccer teams (girls), Pattonville varsity soccer coach Tom Iffrig was invited to coach the North girls team. Dave DeMoss and B.J. Lancaster, Iffrig's assistants, also helped coach the game. "It was a great experience for the players and the coaching staff," Iffrig said.

## Graduate gets his ring

2001 Pattonville graduate Martin Nance recently participated in a ceremony in which he received a Super Bowl XLIII championship ring. Nance was a member of this year's Super Bowl champion team, the Pittsburgh Steelers. Although he did not dress for the game in January, he was on the sidelines cheering on his teammates on the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he is a wide receiver on the Steelers' practice squad.

## Board serves on leadership panel

As one of five finalists for the Missouri Outstanding Board of Education Award in 2008, the Pattonville Board of Education was invited to serve on a question and answer panel about effective leadership at the recent Missouri School Boards Association Leadership Summit. The event provided training for Missouri school board members and superintendents and provided opportunities for board members to earn credits toward completing required training for new school board members.

A team from Pattonville participated in one of the major addresses at the event, the Outstanding Board of Education Panel. The panel featured board members and superintendents from the five finalist districts for MSBA's Outstanding Board of Education Award of 2008 sharing their best leadership advice. Participating in the panel were Pattonville Board President Ruth Petrov, Board Director Ron Kuschel, Board Director Patty Polster and Pattonville Superintendent Dr. Michael Fulton. Petrov also presented in the session, "Effective Board Presidency."



Pattonville High School 2001 Pattonville graduate Martin Nance is shown wearing the Superbowl ring he received during a June ring ceremony. He is shown with his mother, Swazine Nance, a former Pattonville educator.

## Business Bits

### Bills Paid

The Pattonville Board of Education approved paying the following on June 23:

- \$414,299.21 in purchases made on Pattonville's purchasing cards; and
- \$4,816.61 to Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis, and Giljum for legal services.

### Board Actions

The Pattonville Board of Education on June 23:

- Lodged for action updates to Regulations GCBC-R-1 (Sick Leave), EHD-R-1 (Employee Electronic Communication Policy) and EHD-R-2 (Student Electronic Communication Policy); the board is expected to vote on these changes during the July 14 board meeting;
- Declared a list of textbooks as surplus and authorized the district to send out an invitation to bid on the lot of books; and
- Approved an addition to the summer school substitute list.

### Bid Awards

The Pattonville Board of Education on June 23 approved the following bid awards:

- An estimated \$90,000 to Office Essentials for the renewal of an office supplies agreement;
- \$58,900 to The Library Corporation - Library Solution for an integrated library management system;
- \$12,000 to Dorman Video for the renewal of the TV room equipment maintenance agreement;
- 12,126 to Mulch-Tech for district-wide mulching and \$9,324 to Express Mulch for playground mulch chips;
- \$6,246.66 to Ford Hotel Supply for a convection oven for Parkwood Elementary School;
- The renewal of the printing equipment maintenance agreement as follows: for the Standard Bourg Collator and attachments to SBPI for \$4,990.00 and for the Ryobi 3302 two-color press to Datamax for \$11,648;
- \$35,000 to Advanced Training and Rehab for a three-year agreement for athletic training and sports medicine services;
- \$49,535.30 to Netcom for the renewal of the Infocus projector wiring and installation agreement; and
- \$16,000 to Arcade Printing for printing and mailing newsprint.

### New Hires

- **Jason Boehm**, mathematics teacher, High School

### Retirement

- **Michael Guill**, custodian, Holman, effective June 30, 2009, after serving Pattonville for 29 years

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[www.psdr3.org](http://www.psdr3.org)

#### Calendars

Pattonville maintains up-to-date calendars online. Click on the calendar tab in the left navigation column to view :

- An activities calendar of all school and district-level events; and
- An athletic calendar of Pattonville High School sporting events.

#### BoardDocs

Details of items discussed at board meetings can be found online. Click on any tab in the Web Tools menu on the right to find a link to Pattonville's BoardDocs page.

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