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Bloomfield School Boards Meets, Announces 25-26 Calendar, Resignations and New Hires

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The Bloomfield School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 10th.

The Board enjoyed History Day presentations from the middle school and high school!

In open session, the board:

- reviewed the list of board candidates for the April election. David Clary and Brooke Hayes will be the two candidates for the two open spots on the board. Since we are running a no tax increase bond extension on the April ballot, the board candidates will be on the same ballot as well.
- approved a resolution for Proposition A press release. This will officially kick off our campaign to pass a NO TAX INCREASE bond extension for the April ballot.
- approved the 2025-26 school calendar.
- approved 2025 summer school dates. Elementary and MS will go from May 19
- June 9, and high school will go from May 19 June 16.
- approved the changes to the upcoming board meetings. The March board meeting will be held on March 18th at 6:00 pm. The May board meeting will be held on May 12th. A budget work session will begin at 7:00 am, and the regular board meeting will begin at 8:15 am.

The board heard reports from all three building principals.

In the Superintendent's report, Karnes gave an update on the district's CSIP, as well as a legislative update.

In closed session, the board:

- accepted resignation of Jennifer Bolin, Elementary Principal, effective at the end of the school year.
- hired Katrina Prance as Elementary Principal for the 2025-26 school year.
- hired Maddy Ringer as MS Softball Head coach for this spring.
- hired Summer Crowder for PreK- 12 Librarian for the 2025-26 school year.
- hired Mikayla Harris as MS/HS Math Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
- extended the contracts of Mr. Keith (HS Principal), Mrs. Karnes (MS Principal), and Mrs. Vaughn (Special Education Director).

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Due to the impending snowfall potential the meeting was moved from the evening to Tuesday morning.

Agenda

Tentative as of 2/14/2025

Regular Board Meeting February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting 8:00 am

1.Call to Order2.Roll Call3.Pledge of Allegiance

4. Consent Agenda

| A. | |
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| | Approve board agenda. |
| B. | |
| | Approve minutes of January 21st regular board meeting. |
| C. | |
| | Approve payment of bills. |
| 5. Public Comments (At this time someone who is pre-registered with the Board Secretary prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a position on a specific agenda item or who is pre-registered with the superintendent in writing at least 5 days prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a general comment about a non-agenda item will be given time for presentation to the Board of Education. Each speaker is limited to 5 minutes. A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for this public comment section. Please, just one spokesperson per group; individuals may speak only once per meeting; time regulated by the Board Chairman. Note: Individuals wishing to convey a complaint about procedures, regulations, or personnel will not be scheduled to address the Board until the District's complaint procedure has been exhausted; Complaints directed at specific personnel will not be heard in open session.) | |
| A. | |
| | CTA- |
| В. | |
| | PTO- |

Registered requests- 1 Registered Request for Closed Session

D.

Correspondence-

E.

Recognition of guests-

6. Old Business

A. There is no old business at this time.

7. New Business

- A. Approve the dates for the 2025 summer session. The dates will be May 22nd-June 19th.
- B. Approve a resolution authorizing the redemption of \$300,000 principal amount of the general obligation bond series 2020 and authorizing the publication of notice of redemption.
- C. Approve the summer dead period for MSHSAA activities, August 2-10, 2025.
 - D. Approve the finalized budget for the 24-25 school year.

8. Discussion Items

- A. FBLA-The importance of CTE Programs
- B. Data Privacy
- C. Nurses Report.
- D. Building Reports.
 - E. SRO Report.
 - F. Superintendent's Report, Wellness Evaluation, & CSIP Update.
- G. Next Regular Board Meeting is March 18, 2025.

| 9. Motion to Enter Executive Session |
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| A. |
| Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting particular employees. § 610.021(3), RSMo |
| B. Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. § 610.021(13), RSMo. 10. Items to be considered after conclusion of Executive Session |
| A. |
| None. |
| 11. Motion to adjourn the meeting. |
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Three Rivers College Releases Fall 2024 Dean's List

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Three Rivers College Releases Fall 2024 Dean's List

Three Rivers College has released its Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester. The honor is awarded to students taking 12 or more credit hours in a semester, who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Dean's List honors are also used at graduation to help determine eligibility for honors or highest honors.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu.

Stoddard County

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McKenzie Umfleet

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Logan Stubenrauch

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Tristan Johnson

Lucas Kegley

Hannah Moore

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Brittany Baldwin Kyle Chism Jazmin Nava

Dexter

Hannah Bryant

Alisandra Calonne

Caitlin Cash

Richard Coleman

Charlie Crowley

Mya Darnell

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Curt Evans

Jaden Feece

Michaela Hagedorn

Gracen Hampton

Grace Hanner

Matthew Honeycutt

Houston Lafferty

Grace Marvel

Cole Nichols

Cole Phillips

Sadie Reynolds

Matthew Riley

Drew Roberts

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Bloomfield School District Proposes No-Tax Rate Increase Bond on April Ballot

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Bloomfield R-XIV School District Proposes No-Tax Rate Increase Bond Issue to Address Critical Facility Needs Bloomfield, MO – The Bloomfield R-XIV School District is excited to announce a \$1.3 million no-tax rate increase bond issue that will appear on the April 8, 2025 ballot. This initiative is a vital step toward addressing pressing infrastructure needs, starting with the construction of a new bus facility and, as funds allow, additional repairs and improvements to existing district facilities. Those improvements include renovations and upgrades to current student restrooms, staff restrooms, and locker rooms.

The current bus facility is in dire condition and falls significantly short of meeting the needs of our school district. Being built in 1948, it has served our district well. However, as you could imagine, the size of a bus in 2025 differs very much from 1948. It lacks adequate space for mechanics to work on the fleet safely and efficiently, leaving them exposed to the elements while performing essential maintenance. Additionally, the facility does not provide protected space for garaging buses, leaving our fleet vulnerable to weather-related wear and tear. Through these facility deficiencies, our fleet consistently passes all required inspections, but as we continue to invest in our resources, building a new bus garage helps our district to continue to grow and expand its infrastructure.

The proposed new bus facility will address these shortcomings by providing:

? A safe, weather-protected workspace for mechanics, enabling them to perform maintenance year-round without

exposure to rain, snow, or extreme temperatures.

? Adequate space to accommodate the entire fleet, ensuring buses are properly maintained and stored in optimal

conditions.

? Improved operational efficiency, which will directly benefit students who rely on timely and reliable transportation

to and from school.

This bond issue represents a fiscally responsible approach to improving critical infrastructure without increasing the tax rate for our community. By approving this measure, voters will allow the district to utilize existing resources effectively while ensuring that our facilities meet modern standards.

The district's transportation system is a lifeline for many students in our district. A new bus facility is not just an investment in infrastructure—it's an investment in student safety, operational efficiency, and the future of our schools.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

The success of this initiative depends on you—the voters of Bloomfield R-XIV. Your support can make a lasting impact on the quality of education and services provided by our district. Let's work together to ensure

that every student in Bloomfield has access to safe and reliable transportation—and that our schools continue to thrive for generations to come. We look forward to having informational meetings to provide additional information for all voters, at a time and location to be determined. Mark your calendars for April 8, 2025, and make your voice heard by voting YES for this important measure.

For additional information or questions about the bond issue, please contact: Jason Karnes, Superintendent Phone: (573) 568-4564 Email: jkarnes@bps14.org

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The Bloomfield High School held their annual Homecoming on Friday, February 7, 2025.

The 2025 Homecoming Queen is Katie Hendley.

The theme for homecoming was Under the Sea.

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