

Trenton R-9 Board Of Education Report **News**

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A teacher retirement was accepted, the annual performance report was given, and no specific action was taken on proposed improvements to Johnson softball field when the Trenton R-9 Board of Education met for a brief session last evening.



Submitting a letter of retirement, effective at the end of the school year next May, was Ann Mayfield, the elementary music instructor. She plans to conclude 22 years as an instructor in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma including the last seven years at Trenton R-9 and six years at Gilman City.

Trenton scored 112 points out of a possible 140 for a K-12 school in the annual performance report. Superintendent Becky Albrecht said the biggest positive was that Trenton achieved all 30 points possible for its graduation rate. Areas needing improvement are academic scores for those categorized by sub-groups like free and reduced price lunch students, special education, and english as second language. At all three building levels, Mrs. Albrecht said academic efforts continue to focus on reading literacy and writing as part of English and language arts curriculum.

While the Johnson Ball Field agreement is similar to the one with Griffin Field, the board of education was told Trenton Parks officials are negotiating with a bidder regarding the costs of the improvements. Therefore, the board with just four members present chose to wait until more definitive cost figures become available. The Johnson field agreement is yet to be presented to Trustees of North Central Missouri College which will consider sharing costs with Trenton R-9. Superintendent Becky Albrecht was asked to convey the school district is willing to work with others on the proposed improvements to Johnson field contingent on costs.

Although presented in written form, no action was taken by R-9 as a school board on an MSBA resolution asking the legislature to sustain the Governors' veto on the tax cut bill. Action also was set aside for now on discussion of revised board of education goals.

This years' school bus routes were approved. It was noted this is the third year of an agreement for Apple Bus Company to operate the buses.

A thank you was expressed to the Foundation Trust for Trenton High School regarding financial donations to projects as well as a willingness to accept contributions for scholarships.

Mrs. Albrecht announced that district-wide, the school has established a student portal similar to the PARENT portal for checking on homework and grades.

Dennis Gutshall reported the security door entry system has been working well. He also announced Trenton R-9 will participate in an earthquake drill called the Great American Shake out on October 17th (at 10:17 a-m).

Among reports, Trenton High School was nominated, and met the criteria, to be named a Missouri Exemplary school with the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) initiative.

An application is due by the first of October to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The T-H-S leadership team has been invited to make a presentation September 30th at a conference in Columbia (for Missouri association of secondary school principals) (Members of the leadership team include Kay Moore, E'Lisha Gass, Brook Kreatz, Charlie Bacon, John Cowling, and Daniel Gott.) A professional development report presented by Barbara Cox includes six and a half days built into the school calendar for teacher in-service training — four of which were held before the school year began at Trenton.