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School board hears bids

Approves staff revision plan

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At Monday night's Waynesville school board meeting, the board was presented with bids for tires, video surveillance, and dishwasher service, as well as food and lunch room supplies.

Four different companies submitted bids to provide tires for the fleet of buses owned by the Waynesville school district.

Ozark Tire submitted a bid for \$28,524.30, B & I Tire Company came in at \$25,602.10, Wingfoot Commercial Tire (12 ply) \$25,485.06, (14 ply) \$26,532.28 and McKnight entered a bid of \$32,357.84.

Only two companies submitted bids for video surveillance of East Elementary.

The companies were Audio Acoustics at \$66,143 and Electronic Systems Company \$95,425. These bids are to install cameras for East Elementary.

Two bids were submitted for dishwasher service for the entire district, Hilliard came in with an \$11,837.79 bid, while Eco-lab Inc. submitted a bid of \$13,647.75.

The biggest turnout for bids was for food and lunchroom supplies for the district with seven companies submitting bids.

Graves Menu Maker had a bid of \$432,404.57, Renard Paper submitted a bid for \$26,772.90, CCP Industries entered a bid of \$1,206, Kohl Wholesale came in at \$405,784.86, Springfield Grocer's bid was for \$372,803.72, U. S. Foods entered a bid of \$372,164.01 and finally Reinhart's (Banta) bid was for \$505,674.26.

The board also approved a new staffing plan by adding one Special Education teacher and one Early Childhood Paraprofessional at Williams Elementary, two Special Education - ID Paraprofessionals and one ELL Paraprofessional at East Elementary, one ELL Paraprofessional split between Wood and Thayer Ele-

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ST. ROBERT

Unpaid bills explained

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The city of St. Robert is owed \$286,942 in unpaid utility bills by individuals and businesses.

The highest of those bills are businesses and business owners. The 10 highest bills totaled \$78,199.83.

Some \$32,073.95 is owed by one former business.

The bill is on the record books as being owed by Ryan's restaurant. "What people don't realize is



that just because the name and location are the same, it doesn't mean the people are the same," said Lee Whitely who works with utility accounts at St. Robert City Hall. Ryan's is a franchise and the cur-

rent owner of the franchise in St. Robert is not the owner who owes the city an unpaid bill.

The delinquent account is the responsibility of a former owner of the franchise who filed for bankruptcy and the city is unable to collect on the past due bill.

Filing bankruptcy protects the owner from the city collecting on the bill in some cases, depending on the ruling of the court and the nature of the bankruptcy case.

The top 10 highest unpaid bills

are similar cases.

Chicago Gyros owed a \$2,100.26 bill, but it went out of business and the business in its current location is owned by someone new.

Jack's Diner was owned by a person who is responsible for two other delinquent accounts, another business and a residence, and went under.

The Oakwood owner who owed \$2,160.93 is now deceased and is not the same person who owns

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RICHLAND



PCHS president Kim Fuhr asks the Richland Board of Aldermen to let PCHS "save the dogs." PHOTO BY NATALIE SANDERS

Pulaski County Humane Society asks to save the dogs

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Members of the Pulaski County Humane Society attended Richland's Board of Aldermen meeting in full force Tuesday night.

PCHS President Kim Fuhr addressed the board to ask that PCHS be allowed to take unclaimed dogs from their pound after their holding period.

"I am here to ask that we put aside whatever differences or reasons or if we can come to some common ground..."

"If we could have something as simple as once the dogs are held for their hold time, somebody can

call us and we can arrange a time convenient to pick up the dog or dogs, that would make us happy," Fuhr said.

Fuhr was referring to the abrupt severing of ties by the city last July.

"It's not about me, it's not about the Humane Society, it's not about the Richland Board of Aldermen, it's about doing what's right by the dogs when there is an option," Fuhr said.

Mayor Lucy Henson informed Fuhr, "Based on the number of times that we have been called in the last weeks, we have decided to go back to our standing policy which is by

ordinance and have those animals put down after they are held."

PCHS volunteers greeted this statement with questions about the opposition to the proposal such as, "Why wouldn't you take free help," a question asked by PCHS volunteer Monica Good.

Henson said, "What I am opposed to is the fact that we have made our decision and we have been hounded pretty much for a year."

Henson expressed concern that PCHS didn't follow the city's rules when it was allowed to handle the dogs in the pound.

Issues brought up in-

cluded the release of a cat that had been quarantined by the city to which all volunteers present and Fuhr denied any knowledge of.

Henson said the dogs were taken care of "exceedingly well," a claim that some individual PCHS volunteers disagreed with.

"Like I said, it's about the dogs and if you choose to, I won't use the term euthanize, euthanizing a dog is when they are ill, infirm, unable to be placed in a home for any reason due to their physical well-being or the fact that they might

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WAYNESVILLE

More high school students face suspension

Elementary school incidents drop

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Incidents involving students being suspended from school rose 66 percent among high school students and 17 percent among middle school students.

Twenty percent more students were involved in high school, with 42 percent more students involved in middle school.

Meanwhile, incidents involving suspension among elementary school students dropped 20 percent, with the total number of students involved decreasing by two percent.

The numbers did increase among kindergartners and sixth-graders but dropped within second, third, fourth and fifth-graders.

There were no significant changes among gender or race among high school and middle school students, while truancy and tardiness were down in high school and insubordination was down in middle school.

There also was a slight decrease in fighting among elementary students.

There were 449 incidents involving 215 students in high school, 571 incidents involving 251 students in middle school and 393 incidents involv-

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