



Sevier County School System

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News Brief

Report from the Sevier County Board of Education Meeting Monday, November 3, 2008 Dr. Debra Cline, Media Spokesperson

The Sevier County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 3, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Jack Parton, Director of Schools, presented information about enrollment trends from 2004-2008 as well as projections for enrollment by 2013 in the Sevier County School System. Significant patterns of growth in K-8 school communities ranged from 5% at Pittman Center, to 3% at Sevierville, to 2.5% at New Center, and to 1% at Catons Chapel. Since the opening of Boyds Creek Elementary School in 2005, growth at the school has been at around 20%. The opening of the school at Boyds Creek has reduced overcrowding at the Seymour schools in grades K-8. Parton also spoke about the need for a new high school to serve students in the northern tip of the county to reduce overcrowding at Seymour High School and Sevier County High School. Parton indicated that future building programs will be designed to meet projected needs.

In other matters, the Sevier County Board of Education approved increases to premiums for dental/vision insurance; geothermal leases for Catlettsburg School; leave requests; requests for use of schools; Annual Fun & Fitness Day; and field trip requests.

Don Best, Coordinator of School, presented information about the district's new Coordinated School Health Program. Information about the program is available on the district's website at www.sevier.org.

The next scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Board of Education will be on January 12, 2009.