



Announcement of Vacancy Superintendent of Schools Tarkio R-I School District

Search being conducted by the Missouri Association of Rural Education

Tarkio, Atchison County

Tarkio R-I is seeking candidates for the position of Superintendent of the school district

THE COMMUNITY

Tarkio R-I School District is located in Tarkio, Atchison County, Missouri, in the northwest corner of the state. The Wind Farms in Atchison County and the Tarkio School District are of notable importance. The Cow Branch Wind Energy Center is the second utility-scale wind energy generation facility built in Missouri. **Wind Capital Group** completed construction of the 50-megawatt wind farm in early 2008. There are approximately 150 windmills in operation at this time. More than 20,000 homes and businesses throughout Missouri receive renewable electrical energy from the Cow Branch facility. Transmission **service is provided by N.W. Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Tarkio is a pleasant, rural community with remarkable old homes located at the crossroads of Highways 136 and 59, near Interstate 29 with easy access to the St. Joseph/Kansas City and Omaha/Lincoln metro areas. The community consists of students from the Tarkio and Westboro communities.

THE SCHOOL

The Tarkio R-I School District is housed in two facilities, the PreK-6 and 7-12 programs. Tarkio R-I is not identified on any level of School Improvement. The football stadium and track are just across the street to the west, with an area for community baseball and/or soccer. Many students walk to school, and bus routes serve the outlying rural area, which encompasses most of the central and northeast part of Atchison County. Tarkio R-I school district is noted for The Missouri Preschool Project, Kids' Korner, serving up to twenty 3- and 4-year olds. The special education program is strong and includes a nicely equipped life skills classroom and one of the only sensory rooms in the area. ITV and MoVIP classes are available to high school students, as well as approximately 40 units of dual credit courses taught by Tarkio teachers. Tarkio R-I earned the "Distinction in Performance" designation for the past four school years. Technology has been a focus with funding for advanced resources, including Smartboards in all classrooms, onsite training, category 6 wiring in the elementary and planned installation for the high school.

District Spending – The Tarkio R-I School District spends approximately \$10,012.00 per pupil in current expenditures. Tarkio R-I is financially strong with a total annual budget of approximately \$4.4 million and an ending fund balance in 2007-08 of 39.61%. Payments in lieu of taxes from the newest wind farm will further boost local revenues beginning in the 2009-2010 school year increasing the assessed valuation by more than 10 million dollars.

District Student-Teacher Ratio – The Tarkio R- I School District has 11 students for every full-time equivalent teacher; with the Missouri state average being 17 students per full-time equivalent teacher.

District Student Information – The Tarkio R-I School District is identified as having 44.9% of the students on the Free/Reduced lunch program.

Even though Tarkio R-I is a small school, college preparatory and college credit classes are offered. The school's size also affords each student with many opportunities to participate as leaders in extracurricular activities. Among other blue ribbon features found at Tarkio R-I are:

- Incredibly sophisticated technology and dual credit options.
- A+ Program certification will begin its second year, to be completed by 2011.
- Participation of faculty and students at district, state, and national levels.
- Strong programming in the music and sports area; horticulture and adult agriculture programming.

THE DISTRICT

Enrollment	369	Annual Operating Budget	\$4.4 million	Tax Levy Rate	\$3.7360
Administrators	3	Assessed Valuation:	\$38,976,835	MSIP -	Full Waiver
Certified Staff	53	"Distinction in Performance"	Seven years		
Support Staff	30	Level of School Improvement	All Mets		

BOARD OF EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Mr. Bruce Lang	(1 yr)	Member			

TIMELINE

▪ APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY	FEBRUARY 5, 2010
▪ SCREENING TO BEGIN ON	FEBRUARY 6, 2010
▪ INTERVIEWS TENTATIVE DATE	FEBRUARY 15, 2010
▪ ANTICIPATED HIRE DATE	FEBRUARY 18, 2010
▪ CONTRACT BEGINS	JULY 1, 2010

SALARY/BENEFITS INFORMATION

- Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Salary range of \$75,000-\$85,000.
- Administrative experience a plus.
- Missouri Superintendent's Certificate required.
- Living in school district is expected.
- Paid health insurance benefits per limits of health insurance policy in effect.
- Two-year contract is available.
- Three-weeks paid vacation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants are advised to forward all application materials to:

Tarkio R-I Superintendent Search
Attn: Geanine Bloch, Search Consultant
Missouri Association of Rural Education
201 South Holden Street, Suite 202
Warrensburg, Missouri 64093-3400



Other Contact Information:
Phone #: (417) 594-1267
Fax #: (660) 747-8160
Email: gbloch@moare.com

Applicants are asked to not make direct contact with the board of education members. Initial applications will be kept confidential; however, all applications, letters of reference, resumes, transcripts, credentials, etc., for the purpose of this application process will, upon receipt, become the sole property of the Tarkio R-I Board Of Education, and shall remain their property indefinitely.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Completed application form and current resume with three letters of reference.
- Cover letter directed to the Tarkio R-I Board Of Education. (Include reasons for interest in the position and a description of significant accomplishments over the past five years.)
- Evidence of Missouri Superintendent Certificate or eligibility thereof, (copy of certificate).
- Current transcript(s).
- Any other supporting documents that would enhance the application file.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Applicants for admission and employment, students and employees of the Tarkio R-I School District are hereby notified that this institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in its programs and activities. Any person implementing Title IX or Section 504 is directed to contact:

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