

The Board approves a fund raiser

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For the last meeting of the 2008 school year, the Cheylin School Board members focused on issues that needed to be in place for the new school year.

The board approved a request by the junior high cheerleader squad to have a fund raiser at the Thresher Show this year. Mothers will also be helping.

In past events, the junior high cheerleaders have helped the high school cheerleading squad. The fund raiser is to help buy new uniforms.

There was discussion concerning uniforms that have been in storage. Selling the uniforms on the internet was considered as an option.

"The uniforms may be sold to private schools or alumni might want to buy them," said Jane Young, district clerk-elect.

The members formally commended Cheylin students for Kansas State High School Activity Association State Music Festival ratings. I rating flute and vocal solo, Naomi Reeh; I rating vocal solo Kaedra Dixon; II rating baritone solo; Sam Hengen; mixed ensemble II rating, members Heath Antholz, Mindy Antholz, Craig Busse, Sydney Busse, Jayden Cahoj, Teryn Carmichael, Kaedra Dixon, Danny Frisbie, Max Hengen, Sam Hengen, Nikki Johnson, Lance Leonard, Hudson Louderbaugh, Naomi Reeh, Montana Rhymes and Tia Sager.

In addition, the board members approved commendation for Cheylin junior and high school bands with I rating and Cheylin choir II rating at Kansas State High School Activity Association Music Festival Large.

Approval was unanimous to hire Justin Miller as summer help. He will be mowing the grounds, painting, etc. Discussion of salary went to executive session.

The board approved the purchase of a Ricoh MP 5500 Copier for \$11,500. There was little discussion about the options and benefits of leasing instead of buying.

"Most copiers start around \$20,000, this is a good price," said Roseanna Underwood, district clerk.

The maintenance agreement for a purchased copier is the same; the difference is, when the leased copier is worn out, it will be disposed of by the company from where it was purchased.

It was mentioned by Mrs. Underwood that the auditors advised purchasing over leasing.

The board approved for MASS-CO/AR Supplies, Inc. to refinish two Bird City gyms and main McDonald gym floors in the amount of \$2,795. Dale Hazuka, board member, said it has been several years since the floors had been done. The board also approved the in-coming superintendent to decide out of which budget the money would come.

Superintendent Dave Zumbahlen mentioned there is some confusion about an invoice for \$1,100 from PowerSchool, an internet website

that supports the information teachers give to parents.

PowerSchool is being upgraded to Premier for the next school year and it has been understood that PowerSchool would no longer be available.

The school has received an invoice for Premier for 2008-09 year also for \$2,497.50.

"Will we eventually have to go to Premier anyway?" said Belinda Serrano, board member.

Superintendent Zumbahlen said that Loretta Rucker, school secretary, had attended a Power seminar and said the PowerSchool was essentially "dead in the water."

Motion approved to pay for the Premier upgrade now and not struggle with having to do it next year.

Further discussion centered on having the server capacity to handle the new hardware. Superintendent Zumbahlen had spoke to Kirby Krien about it and he said the servers would be maxed out without any space to spare. New servers could cost up to \$2,400.

"It just never ends when upgrading," said Superintendent Zumbahlen.

Appointing Kayla Bursch as elementary teacher representative and Roseanna Underwood as Bird City community representative to Cheylin Site Council was approved.

Motion was approved to accept the resignations of Morgan Grippin as teacher and coach, and Max Keltz as middle school activities director.

The board approved Mr. Keltz as supervisor of summer weight room program.

Information items

Superintendent Zumbahlen asked if there is anyone interested training for the District Inebriation Policy Testing. The training is to identify and discipline students who are caught drinking at school-sponsored events.

"Cheylin already has strict random drug testing for the students who are participating in sports," said Superintendent Zumbahlen.

The in-coming superintendent may want to appoint someone to take the training.

Hal Antholz, president, asked the board if anyone is interested in legislative issues that influence public schools and policies, there will be several state government meetings this summer.

There are several summer projects for this summer, painting the rental house, art room, sixth grade closet room, boardroom and locker rooms.

For the Site Council report, Superintendent Zumbahlen said there is concern about getting pre-school certified staff. In addition, Spanish and English speaking Site Council members are being sought.

Superintendent Zumbahlen reported that Cheylin School met the requirements for the Adequate Yearly Progress report, part of the No Child Left Behind Program.

Motion was approved for the board to go into executive session for discussing non-elected personnel and negotiations.

Next meeting is June 16.



CHEYLIN SENIORS, Lincoln Pochop, Colleen Shrader, Kaedra Dixon, Sam Hengen, and Josh Garner having fun opening the time capsules they had boxed up in 2000 while

in the fourth grade. Looking on is Marjean Zumbahlen who was their fourth grade teacher.

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Time capsules bring memories

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The year 2000 was the beginning of a new millennium and there was a lot of speculation of how it would unfold.

However, for Marjean Zumbahlen's fourth grade class, they wanted to remember what was important in 2000. Therefore, in that year, Mrs. Zumbahlen had her students each pack a time capsule that would be opened in their senior year. On Thursday, that is just what they did and went back

in time to the year 2000.

Not one of the 10 or more students could remember just what they had put into their own time capsule. When they opened up the packages, laughter filled the room as the seniors reminisced over the past.

It was as if the last eight years had disappeared and it was 2000 again.

"I hear a hot wheel," said Chris Basnett, shaking his box.

Josh Garner, waving a small envelope, said the reason he did

not get an invitation to a friend's birthday party was because he had put it in his time capsule.

Sam Hengen said he knew he had placed a spelling test in the box because his parents, Dennis and Rose, told him not to bring another failing spelling test home. The test had received a 48 percent score.

Everything had a special meaning or sentimental value. Kaedra Dixon wrote an essay, "Duchess is a great dog." And Colleen Shrader asked if anyone had put

in one of those "awful" waffles Mrs. Zumbahlen would give to them, the ones that gave her a stomachache.

Included were journals, class pictures with John Williams with a mullet haircut, and jokes about dead flies and dead horses.

For the seniors, it was looking back to see what was important and what is still important. For Mrs. Zumbahlen, it was like having fourth graders all over again.

Graduating ceremonies announced

Cheylin

Thirteen seniors will graduate from Cheylin High School at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the gymnasium. Colleen Shrader will give the welcome, Vanessa Antholz, the recognition of citizenship, and Anita Burton will hand out the awards and scholarships.

Prior to the slide show, Kaedra Dixon will sing a solo.

David Zumbahlen, principal and superintendent, will present the class of 2008. Hal Antholz and Lori Janicke will present the diplomas to the seniors.

Kaedra will give the message and Lincoln Pochop will give the farewell.

Graduating seniors are: Lamar Adams, Mindy Antholz, Vanessa Antholz, Chris Basnett, Kaedra Dixon, Josh Garner, Sam Hengen, Taylor Leibbrandt, Lincoln Pochop, Blanca Ponce, Weston Ribeiro, Montana Rhymes and Colleen Shrader.

St. Francis

Twenty-three St. Francis high school seniors will graduate at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the high school gymnasium. Both

Cheylin and Idalia seniors will also graduate this weekend with Cheylin seniors graduating at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Cheylin gymnasium in Bird City.

Class president Dara Loyd will give the senior talk and Gavin Smull, class vice president, will bid farewell in behalf of the seniors.

The class will sing "Good Times," and the concert band will present "Celebrata."

Pastor David Butler, St. Francis Community Church, will present the message along with the benediction and invocation.

Each year, St. Francis seniors are the recipients of many scholarships provided through local organizations and individuals as well as those provided by colleges and universities. The scholarships will be awarded by Principal Scott Carmichael and class sponsor Steve Jenkins. The presentation of diplomas will be made by John Knodel, school board president; and Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member, with the help of Mr. Carmichael.

St. Francis graduating seniors

are: Andrea Born, Josh Carpenter, Ted Crabtree, Cassie Dankenbring, Kattie Ford, Keaton Frewen, David Guthmiller, Jonathon Hankins, Jenice Hartman, Heather Hnizdil, Chance Hobrock, Katherine Jones, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Katlin Marin, Sara Miller, Daniele Schmid, Corbin Sherlock, Justin Sherlock, Gavin Smull, Teri Walters, RL Walz and Lauren Zweggardt.

Honor guards are Courtney Douthit, Kim Voeller, Cara Hunt, Sam Sowers, Elizabeth Gienger and Matt Whitmore.

Goodland

Heidi Yonkey, Wheeler, will graduate during the Goodland graduation ceremony. The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. mountain daylight time on Saturday, May 17, at Max Jones Fieldhouse, 13th and Arcade, Goodland.

Special section

In this week's issues of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* is a special section with photos of the seniors from St. Francis, Cheylin and



Idalia schools, along with a student from Wheeler who graduated from Goodland. Some photos also include the senior's baby photo sponsored by his or her parents.

Take time to recognize these outstanding seniors and the businesses and individuals who sponsored them.



WITH A GRANT FROM Century II Development Foundation to buy plants for the entrance to Bird City, Wade Carmichael, Recreation and Parks Committee, Craig White

and Brad Schneider, city maintenance, take time to arrange plants around the sign

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider.

Board hires new superintendent

Cheylin Board of Education has announced that a contract for superintendent/kindergarten through grade 12 principal was approved on April 30 with William Porter Jr. of Harrison, Neb.

Mr. Porter is currently serving as superintendent/kindergarten through grade 12 principal at Sioux County Schools in Harrison and has been there for four years.

Mr. Porter received his bachelor of science in elementary education from the University

of South Dakota and his masters in education administration from the University of Nebraska, Kearney.

The board of education received a total of 11 applicants, coming from three different states. Mr. Porter will begin work at Cheylin on July 1.

