

Fifth graders sing, walk like Egyptian

North Elementary School fifth graders strutted their stuff at their concert on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium.

Music included songs about the demise of the dinosaurs, global warming, rap, disco and sports.

Members of Stephanie Grippin's class are Keegan Bowling, Britney Brown, Jeremy Brown, Rogelio Bustillos, Joshua David, Makala Fogg, Donald Glassman, Coy Johnson, Sean Johnson, Tyler Jones, Tyler Neufeld, Kegan Nothdurft, Ryleigh Paxton, Davada Pummer, Emily Purvis, Hannah Sanderson, Juan Sandoval, Elisa Santana, Paul Sibley, Sophia Thompson and Hunter Williams.

Jona Neufeld's class is Selena Acosta, Tyler Amthor, Gerald Anderson, Paetyn Barricklow, Alexandria Bennett, Danielle Doyle, Jushuia Eli, Kyler Gray, Jessica Johnson, Thatcher Jones, Matthew Murray, Felix Perez, Lyndie Ravenstein, Telanie Reicks, Tanner Schmidt, Jesus Soto, Kristina Stasser, Taylor Thomas and Brandon Verlinden.

Myron Tedford's class is Aaron Avelar, Lindsay Bauman, Xavier Colby, Carlee Cooper, Stephani DeLaRosa, James Dinkel, Laramie Farris, Alec Hamilton, Tanner Helton, Matthew House, Makayla Kennedy, Hunter Lennington, Jonah McClung, Ricky Milke, Gerrell Miller, Nicole Sederstrom, Kameron Snyder, George Sun, Raquel Tomsic, Kolt Trachsel, Shaina Varney and Sabre Yarbrough.

Char Avila was the vocal teacher.



Britney Brown (left) and Ryleigh Paxton showed the audience at the fifth grade An Egyptian." The program had a variety of music including rap, theme songs and disco music. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

School struggles with class sizes, schedule

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Superintendent Shelly Angelos reported to the school board at their meeting that the board will need to decide if it wants to continue to keep class sizes below 20 in the grade schools.

She thinks there will be one class that will have 25 students. First grade had five teachers and kindergarten, second, third and fourth has four teachers. Fifth and sixth grades have three teachers each. The board made no decision.

The school board adopted the calendar for next year.

"The calendar is tough to work with," said Superintendent Angelos.

Board member LeAnn Friedrichs said that flexibility is limited when people don't want to start school before Labor Day and not go past Memorial Day. The calendar will have 171 class room days and 13 professional days. The district must have 1,116 class hours in a year.

School will start on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008 and end on Thursday, May 21, 2009.

"I think the calendar is as good as it can be," said board member John Hendrich.

The superintendent asked if the

school district wanted to go in with the City of Goodland to get bids for the street and parking improvements at West Elementary School.

Superintendent Angelos said she had visited with Darin Neufeld with Evans Byerly and Hutchison and two lawyers about whether the district could get the bid with the city.

There were three options, concrete, asphalt and asphalt millings for doing the school's parking. Superintendent Angelos said it would cost the district \$45,000 for concrete, \$35,000 for asphalt and \$5,000 for millings.

Board members Friedrichs, Andrew House, Hendrich and Chuck Wilkens asked about how the millings would do.

Angelos said, "We want to have decent parking for our faculty."

Hendrich expressed his concern about spending a lot on parking on ground that did not belong to the school.

Wilkens said he thought that originally the city said they would install the millings for them.

Angelos said the city is spending \$85,000 on concrete.

Hendrich moved to table the matter until the next meeting.

In capital improvements Angelos said one of the items that will need

to be addressed is new bleachers for Max Jones Fieldhouse. She said she thought it would cost from \$275,000 to \$300,000.

"The custodians are having more and more trouble getting the bleachers in and out," she said. "It is also a safety concern because kids can get under them."

Hendrich thought that she should at least check into who would be able to do the replacement and about how much it would cost.

Angelos said another project is new lights and a sound system for the auditorium.

Hendrich suggested the board wait until some future planning is done by the district.

In other business the board:

- paid \$51,925 in bills.

- agreed to let Superintendent Angelos check into the Kansas Joint Utility Management Program to see if the natural gas purchasing cooperative sponsored by the Kansas Association of School Boards would help to lower the cost to the school for natural gas. Aquila participates in the program.

- voted to give the Goodland Arts Council \$1,000.

- agreed to let the Goodland Learning Center continue to do credit recovery this summer for the junior

high school and high school.

- agreed to let Superintendent Angelos get investment bids for the district.

- went into executive session from 9:02 to 9:22 to discuss personnel.

- accepted the resignation of Lois Wolbach as high school custodian.
- transferred Threse Armstrong from junior high math to junior high art for the 2008-9 school year.
- adjourned at 9:30.

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