

# Atwood and Herndon schools to consolidate

By Kimberly Brandt

*The Oberlin Herald*  
The Atwood and Herndon school districts will be consolidated, voters decided Tuesday.  
The polls closed at 7 p.m. and by 8:45 p.m., all the combined votes had been tallied with 786 voting for consolidation and 119 voting against. Of 272 registered voters in

the Herndon District and 1,571 in Atwood, only 905 turned out. Under state law, the votes were tallied together, not by districts.  
With fewer than 100 students at Herndon this year, the board started to look at its options in December. Herndon first met with the Atwood School Board, then with Oberlin and Golden Plains.

The Herndon board decided to consolidate with Atwood and although the board wavered back and forth several times, the final decision was to go through with consolidation and let the voters decide what was best for the district.  
Tuesday night, the voters agreed, which means Atwood and Herndon will be one district by the next school year.

Superintendent Kim Juenemann said she was pleased to see the high turnout of voters in Herndon. She said the school is ready to move on to the next step and plan for the future. Juenemann said she looks forward to helping the interim board.

Atwood Superintendent Lee Tarrant said running a school district is like running a business. With consolidation, it's like all of the sudden, this business ends on a certain date and a new one starts.  
An interim board made of four members from the Atwood School Board and three from the Herndon board will try to take the best out of each district and mold that into a new one.

The interim board, said Tarrant, doesn't have any power until July 1, but even before that, the group will have to be working to organize the new district.  
The board members will not only have to be dedicated, he said, but will have to cooperate with each other.

Board members in Herndon and Atwood were up for election this year and although they were voted on at the general election they will only serve until the interim board takes over in July.  
Part of the organization process, he said, is that everyone, including him, will receive a pink slip in May which will be signed by all seven members of the new board. Anyone who will not be re-hired will be talked to, but he said at this time, it looks like all of the district's staff will be re-hired.

As superintendent, he said, he doesn't have a vote on the board, but he does have expectations.  
With the consolidation, the new district will have the same budget as the two districts had this year, he said, but prices will also be going up, so the district may still need to look

at the future and plan well.  
Tuesday afternoon before the vote was tallied, Tarrant said if consolidation didn't pass, the Atwood Board would be looking at the next year to see what may need to be done.

Tarrant said he had heard that if the consolidation vote had failed, anywhere from 10 to 30 students of the students in Herndon would be going to Atwood or Oberlin schools anyway.

With consolidation, he said, the Herndon school may have a few more years left.  
The memorandum of understanding agreement made among the 14 members of the two boards before the election says that the school in Herndon would stay open for one year and then the kindergarten through sixth grade classes for four years.

Tarrant said those are minimum times, not maximum. It's important to remember that the boards can't obligate a future board, he said, but those members who will sit on the interim board signed the agreement.  
One thing's for sure, he said;

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## Help available for area businesses

By Patty Decker

*Colby Free Press*  
Businesses in Sherman County and across the state that depend on farmers and ranchers could be eligible for help from the federal government, said Michael Lampton with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In Kansas, 58 counties listed are listed as drought disaster areas and businesses struggling from economic injury should consider applying, he said.

"These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of area farmers and ranchers," Lampton said from his Fort Worth office.

Don Fikes, a loan officer with the administration, said today that the first businesses that come to mind as eligible for loans would be those that depend on farmers for their livelihood.

Feed and implement dealerships would be among those, but in rural communities where agriculture is the mainstay of the economy, nearly every small business from fast-food restaurants to clothing stores could be eligible, Fikes said.

In addition to counties in Kansas, there are also three in Nebraska affected and five in Oklahoma.

Along with Sherman and Thomas, neighboring counties listed included Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton,

Rawlins, Russell, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman and Wallace.

Other Kansas counties were Barber, Barton, Cheyenne, Clark, Cloud, Comanche, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Harper, Haskell, Hodgeman, Jewell, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, McPherson, Meade, Mitchell, Morton, Ness, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pratt, Republic, Rice, Rooks, Rush, Saline, Seward, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Trego and Wichita.

"Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans," Lampton said, "but nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply."

As the drought conditions continue, small businesses can apply for help by calling the agency toll-free at (800) 366-6303 or for the hearing impaired, call (817) 267-4688.

The deadline for filing application for a disaster loan is next Friday, April 14. Businesses that believe they might be eligible for disaster loans are also encouraged to inquire.

The agency, Lampton said, approved more than 50,000 loans in 2001 totaling almost \$12.2 billion, along with investing \$4.5 billion in small businesses through its venture-capital program.

The federal program, Lampton said, can also offer management and technical assistance to entrepreneurs through its resource-partner program.

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