

# Northern Valley School Board held meeting

It was a busy meeting night for the Northern Valley School Board when it was called to order on Jan. 11 at the Almena School.

Motions to adopt the evening's agenda, approve minutes of the Dec. 12, 2005 meeting and approve bills as presented all carried 7-0.

John Mapes, with Mapes and Miller CPA, presented a review of the 2004-05 audit. The board approved a motion 7-0 to accept the audit report and authorize its filing with various states agencies.

Teacher Julie Thompson was on hand to talk about the different ways students are using the laptops in her classroom. Math software, which aligns with state standards, has been added to four of the laptops, she told the board. She said students rotate use of these computers. She is hoping this will help ITBS scores and state assessments.

Teacher Jason Dibble talked briefly about the students' castle project, which he described as a big undertaking. He also reported on the depression and dust bowl interviews students are doing with local people who lived through those events. He also showed a small portion of a video of an interesting interview Zack King had done with Alice Kuiper.

Monica Wilson talked to the board about the Coordinated

School Health project. She told how the money is being spent on various projects for each cycle. She also demonstrated some visual aids that have been purchased to show effects of tobacco use.

Board member Blaine Marble moved and Harlan Ponstein seconded a motion to approve the Early Work Release request from Josey Shearer to work at Engel's Sales and Service Center in Norton. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board/Administration/Policy Evaluation form was reviewed and will be revised to address current administrative positions. Superintendent Bill Lowry will distribute the forms and collect them to report at the February meeting.

Monica Wilson reported briefly on the ITBS test results. These tests are given in the fall and are helpful in identifying Title I students. She said these test results are also useful when looking at areas to work on for state assessments. Some of the students test on computers and some with paper and pencil.

Mr. Lowry told the board he will look into having someone from the Kansas Association of School Boards provide training at the board retreat.

High school principal Lonnie Brungardt reported on projects

that have been done in the office. He presented a \$4,899 bid from EndZone for new office furniture. Board member Alan Woodside moved and Doyle Baird seconded a motion to purchase the furniture. The motion carried 7-0.

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency and that the board return to open meeting in 20 minutes in the same location. The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Lowry, Mr. Brungardt and principal Dwight Vallin remained in the room for the executive session. This executive session is required to protect the district's right to confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. At 9 p.m., Mr. Baird moved and Glenn Brands seconded a motion to extend the executive session for 20 minutes. The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to return to open meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

Back in open session, Mr. Lowry reported on upcoming events. He said that Kristen Brands had applied for a grant for

recommendations to deal with traffic in front of the school.

Mr. Vallin reported on upcoming events for pre-kindergarten-8th grade.

Mr. Brungardt reported on upcoming events for the high school.

Report of board members included Mr. Woodside's comment that he hopes we can continue to hold the Cheyenne Conference Tournament at Phillipsburg.

Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble second a motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Gale Hays is president of the school board, Drake Gebhard is vice-president and Barb Nelson is clerk. Mr. Hays conducted the meeting.

# HONOR ROLL

## Northern Valley Junior High

### First Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Alison Cole, Samuel Field, Jordan Herman, Amber Sheley, Brandon Towery, Karen Wenzl

Seventh grade: Sean Braun, Kenzie Chandler, Matthew Dole, Staci Dole, Kayla Field, Colton Lowry, Chris Pinzenscham, Bryant Tharman, Zachary Vincent

### Honorable Mention

Eighth grade: Megan Cole, Jacob Gallentine, Hutch Gehrke  
Seventh grade: Caleb Bach, Dusty Eagleburger, Ethan Gallentine

### Second Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Christina Anderson, Alison Cole, Megan Cole, Samuel Field, Amber Sheley, Karen Wenzl, C.J. Woodmansee

Seventh grade: Sean Braun, Kenzie Chandler, Matthew Dole, Staci Dole, Kayla Field, Colton Lowry, Chris Pinzenscham, Bryant Tharman, Zachary Vincent

### Honorable Mention

Eighth grade: Miriah Florence, Jacob Gallentine, Hutch Gehrke, Jordan Herman, Brandon Towery  
Seventh grade: Caleb Bach, Jonathan Mattison

# HONOR ROLL

## Northern Valley High School

### First Nine Weeks Highest

Seniors: Joey Copper, Clarke Nelson

Juniors: Jessica Holmes, Ashley Kingham, Andrea Lowry, Abigail Ponstein

Sophomores: Hannah Ponstein, Stephanie Tubbs

Freshmen: Taylor Hammond, Stanton Nelson

### Honors I

Seniors: Casey Dole, Patrick Hammond, Chad Husted, Cole Kinderknecht, Frans Laubscher, Sarely Salazar, Andrew Sheley, Avery Thalheim, Serena Woodside, Emily Zillinger

Juniors: Kelli Cole, Maxine Counter, Henry Griffiths, Jena Jessup, Jessica King, Jessica Wenzl

Sophomores: Joni Hilburn, Bryce Marble

Freshmen: Drew Eagleburger, Hannah Hawks

### Honors II

Seniors: Brynton Anderson,

Dustin Hillebrand, Cody Lowry

Juniors: Melody Miller, Jessie Redeker, Alysia Shearer

Sophomores: Kylena Hager, Amanda Hopkins, Kelsey Kinderknecht, Amy Shearer, Jessica Zillinger

Freshmen: Drew Britt, Cody Callaway, Ethan Hays, Eric Woodside

### Second Nine Weeks Highest

Seniors: Joey Copper, Patrick Hammond, Clarke Nelson, Serena Woodside

Juniors: Jessica Holmes, Ashley Kingham, Andrea Lowry, Abigail Ponstein

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Freshmen: Stanton Nelson

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Sophomores: Kylena Hager, Joni Hilburn, Amanda Hopkins, Kelsey Kinderknecht, Jessica Zillinger

Freshmen: Brittany Braun, Drew Eagleburger, Cody Callaway, Drew Britt, Ethan Hays, Chaim McMillin

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