

Board approves contracts

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The St. Francis Board of Education approved the signing of contracts and contract amendments when they met on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Superintendent Rob Schiltz said former employee Johnnie Miller, grades school custodian, informed him verbally on Oct. 15, that he had taken a different job and needed to start the job the following Monday. He said there had been no letter of resignation, even though it had been requested. The board agreed to accept the apparent resignation of Mr. Miller.

They signed the contract for Daryl Loyd as the assistant high school wrestling coach. The board approved amending the contract of Devin Dinkel to include being the assistant high school boys' basketball coach, filling the position vacated by Brett Petersen.

The other contract amendment was for Lucinda Straub, changing her contract from a 9-month custodian position to a 12-month head custodian position at the elementary school. This position was previously held by Mr. Miller. Sherry Weeks, board member, abstained from voting.

Excellence award

Mr. Schiltz said the Kansas Assessment Standard of Excellence award had been received from the Kansas State Department of Education. The awards are given to schools in individual classes within the schools which have met a rigorous rubric dealing with assessment scores.

St. Francis schools received Excellence awards at every grade level tested in reading (grades third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and 11th) and in math (grades third, sixth,

seventh and eighth) and in writing (grades eighth and 11th). Tentative plans are to have students and teachers receiving the awards be recognized at the Dundy County basketball game.

Mr. Schiltz also shared a plaque that had been received from the Kansas State Board of Education presenting the Governor's Achievement Award for 2006-2007 to the St. Francis High School for receiving the "Building Level Standard of Excellence" in both reading and math, meeting the Adequate Yearly Progress requirements and being in the top 5 percent of high schools in the state. Only 19 of approximately 196 high schools in the state received this award.

Bullying policy

All school districts in Kansas must adopt a bullying policy on or before Jan. 1. Mr. Schiltz had reviewed several policies on bullying and he recommended adopting the policy created by the Kansas Association of School Boards.

The policy reads: The board of education prohibits bullying in any form on school property, in a school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event. The administration shall propose, and the board shall review and approve a plan to address bullying on school property, in a school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event.

The plan shall include provisions for the training and education of staff members and students and shall include appropriate community involvement as approved by the board. Students who have bullied others in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion. If

appropriate, students who violate the bullying prohibition shall be reported to local law enforcement.

Banners

Principal Scott Carmichael told about letters that were sent to local businesses explaining details about purchasing banners that would advertise the business. These banners would be posted along the fence surrounding the football field for home events. The proceeds received from the sale of the banners will go into the Student Activity Fund to help defray the cost of officials for home events.

New gym

At the October meeting, the board again had discussed the building of a new gym at the high school Mr. Schiltz had been asked to gather more information.

At the November meeting, he said he had been in contact with the State Department, with Greg Vahrenberg, managing director of Piper Jaffray, who had prepared a proposal to provide financial advisory service; and with Glen Strait, architect. The board agreed to have Mr. Schiltz contact Mr. Vahrenberg and use the company's services for proceeding with a bond election in the November 2008 presidential election.

In other business

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• Superintendent Schiltz will continue to investigate adding access control and surveillance systems to both school buildings.

• Thank you notes were read from the seventh grade Kansas History class for the field trip to Kearney. There was also a note from two employees for the board's support to attend a national convention in Denver.



FALL FUN! It can't be all work and no fun when it's time to rake leaves. Bailey Workman gets buried by her cousins Tyler and Alyssa Lee. The kids were cleaning up their grandparent's (Bob and Connie Holzworth) yard last Sunday.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Christmas concert held Monday

The St. Francis Community High School and Junior High music department students will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium on Monday.

"A Prelude to Winter" begins with the junior high band and high school band, then the junior high vocal and high school vocal, along with the Advanced Music classes

will present a variety of traditional contemporary holiday music.

This is the first concert to be held in the auditorium since the new stage curtains, purchased with the Don Kramer Memorial, were installed.

There is no admission for the concert and the public is urged to come and see the curtains as well as enjoy the Christmas music.

Club collects change for sight campaign

The St. Francis Lions Club members will be going door to door collecting pocket change for the "Campaign Sight First II" program of Lions Club International. They will be collecting the change (or any other donations) while delivering the Lions Club Calendars.

Efforts will be concentrating on the last week of November. Containers will also be available Nov.

23 to Dec. 3 at the following businesses: Bumper To Bumper Auto Parts, NAPA Auto Parts, Diamond R, St. Francis Super's, Hilltop General Store and True Value.

The club will match the first \$500 in donations received.

"Every little bit that we can do to help, magnified by the thousands of chapters around the world, will help the international association reach its goal," said Dick Rohweder, Lions member and one of the coordinators for the drive.

Campaign Sight First II is a \$200 million effort to provide eye care to the millions of people around the world who might not otherwise have access to any form of eye care.

St. Francis News

An enjoyable nine-day vacation saw Betty Jean Winston spending time with her family. The first stop was to see the Dan Winston family in Ellsworth and spend Saturday night. During the day she made a trip to Wichita for the afternoon and dinner with her granddaughter, Vickie Kern and husband, Aaron.

Sunday she drove farther east to Overland Park where she and her two grandsons, Chase and Miles Legere, spent part of the week together while the boys' parents, Shawn and Leigh

were out-of-town. With the return home of Shawn and Leigh, Betty Jean remain with them Thursday night before returning to Ellsworth to see her grandson, James Winston in the high school production of "Oklahoma."

Saturday the family had a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene with Shawn, Leigh, Miles, Chase and his friend Lauren coming from Overland Park and Dan, Cindy, James and Betty Jean arriving from Ellsworth.

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