

Board approves contract for new football coach

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The contract for a physical education instructor and head football coach was approved by the St. Francis Board of Education on Wednesday, April 9.

Nathan Smith had been interviewed by not only the superintendent and principal but also by coaches before being offered the contract. He will take over all the duties of Tim Lambert which also includes Spanish classroom monitor, athletic, activity director and head high school girls track coach. Mr. Smith, 28, has been an assistant football, wrestling and track coach at Smith Center.

The board received three letters of resignation. Ted Busse, after 16 years, resigned from his position as an assistant high school football coach; Kent Kechter, after 18 years, resigned as head high school volleyball coach; and David Morrow, after 8 years, resigned as junior high girls basketball coach.

The board and Rob Schiltz, superintendent, discussed replacements of those who had resigned. They will not be replacing the junior high girls' basketball coaching position as there will probably be only 12 to 14 girls out for the sport. They will also not replace Mr. Busse's position as an assistant football coach.

The board went into executive session to review the rosters of licensed teachers and non-licensed personnel. The first session was for 10 minutes, then came out and went back into session for 10 more minutes.

The board voted to offer contracts to all the licensed personnel. At the May meeting, they will further review the non-licensed personnel.

Mr. Schiltz talked about the budget, noting that it is hard to know where the school stands until more information from the state is released. If the district loses 10 kids, that will be a significant amount of money out of the budget. He noted there is still the local option budget money that can be used and he

doesn't see any cuts in programs or faculty. He will know more by May 1.

Remodel projects
Mr. Schiltz had talked to a contractor about two remodel projects at the grade school. The estimate for remodeling the computer lab which included raising the floor to run electricity for the computers came to around \$18,955. He noted that several years ago when the high school computer lab was remodeled, the cost was between \$15,000 and \$16,000. The remodel does not include computers as there are recently purchased computers at the grade school.

The second project was the girls' rest room on the first floor by the cafeteria. This room will be completely gutted and all new fixtures and tile will be installed. The cost for this project is estimated at \$12,000 to \$13,000.

The contractor, Brock McAtee, will have the two projects completed before the start of school next fall.

Assessment scores
Mr. Schiltz said most of the students have completed the Kansas Assessments.

"The results are impressive, once again," Mr. Schiltz said.

He recognized the teachers and students for their achievements.

Look for more information in *The Herald* in the weeks to come.

Graduation
High school graduation will be held Sunday, May 17. The board agreed that Kelly Gienger, board member, should hand out diplomas. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting in April to go over scholarship applications.

Region meeting
The Kansas Association of School Boards Region 9 meeting will be held on April 28 in Oakley. Mr. Schiltz said new board members, Derrick Tice and Ed Marin will be attending. Other board members may also be attending.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the school board has been set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, at the high school library.



FIRST GRADE STUDENTS were applauded when it was announced that they had raised the most money of any class in the elementary school. They earned \$121.14.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Youth support cancer research

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Last week, it was "Mini Relay Week" at the St. Francis grade school. As a result of many pennies, nickels, dimes and a few quarters, the grade school students raised \$588.91 for cancer research.

On Monday, students met in the gym to kick off the week. On Tuesday, students wore pink and purple clothing; Wednesday, they learned about good skin care.

Thursday, they met in the gym again with Gloria Bracelin, county Relay for Life chairman, and Jennifer Van Eaton, community manager development.

The prizes were awarded with the first graders earning the top award, bringing in \$121.14. The second place winner was the second graders with \$98.15. Other classes and their totals were: kindergarten, \$87.25; sixth grade, \$78.12; third grade, \$72.17; fifth grade, \$69.96; and fourth grade, \$62.45.

Talley day at the high school is set for Thursday at 3 p.m.

The grade school kids have challenged the high school students to raise more money than they did. Thursday's total of high school money will prove interesting.



COUNTING MONEY—Jennifer Van Eaton, community manager development, and Gloria Bracelin, Cheyenne County Relay for Life chairman count the \$588.91 raised at the grade school.

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Cheylin board accepts resignation at meeting

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During the April Cheylin Board of Education meeting, members accepted superintendent, Bill Porter's, resignation. No reason was given as to why he resigned.

The board members went on to approve the contract with Marvin Selby, former Goodland superintendent of schools, as interim superintendent, effective immediately. He will receive \$375 per day for a maximum of two days per month or as needed.

The search for a new superintendent will be conducted by consultants, McPherson and Jacobson of Omaha, Neb. Dr. Mike Lucas, lead consultant, will be heading up the search. The deadline for

applications is April 21.

On April 30, he will be in the Cheylin High School library, meeting first with school staff members and then with both McDonald and Bird City community members to discuss the superintendent search selection criteria.

That evening, Dr. Lucas will meet with the board of education to review the candidates and assist as the board selects final candidates for interviews.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the first week in May, with the new superintendent/principal beginning his/her duties on or about July 1.

Scholarship available from society

The Cheyenne County Historical Society will award a \$500 scholarship to one graduating senior in order to encourage his or her further education and interest in local history.

Applicants must meet four criteria: be a Cheyenne County resident; have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0 at high school graduation; plan to attend a college, university, or vocation-technical school; and submit an application and essay in a large, brown envelope by

May 1st to Ward Cassidy at St. Francis Community High School or Anita Burton at Cheylin High School. Application forms are available from Mr. Cassidy or Mrs. Burton.

St. Francis students should be aware that the common application form they usually complete for local scholarships will not be used by the historical society's Scholarship Committee because they chose to use a form that would be equitable for both St. Francis and Bird City students.

An essay of 250-300 words should address why it is important to know the history of Cheyenne County. The applicant should not put his or her name on the essay itself because the judges wish to be impartial.

The scholarship recipient will be awarded \$250 on Aug. 15 and \$250 on Jan. 15, as long as he or she maintains at least a 2.0 grade-point average and remains in good standing at the school attended. This money can be used to help buy some texts

or pay some tuition or room and board.

This is the third year the Cheyenne County Historical Society is offering this scholarship. The first year the amount was \$250, and Brittany Lucas was the recipient. Last year the society voted to raise the amount to \$500, and Jenice Hartman was the recipient.

Direct any questions to Lea Keller, Janet Carmen, or Lucille Rossbach.

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Justin Gardner

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I would like to thank everyone who voted for me during last week's election for school board. Your support was appreciated.
Bob Holzwarth

Thank you for the vote of confidence for city council in last week's election! I look forward to working with the members of the council and also working for the citizens of St. Francis.
Paula Keller