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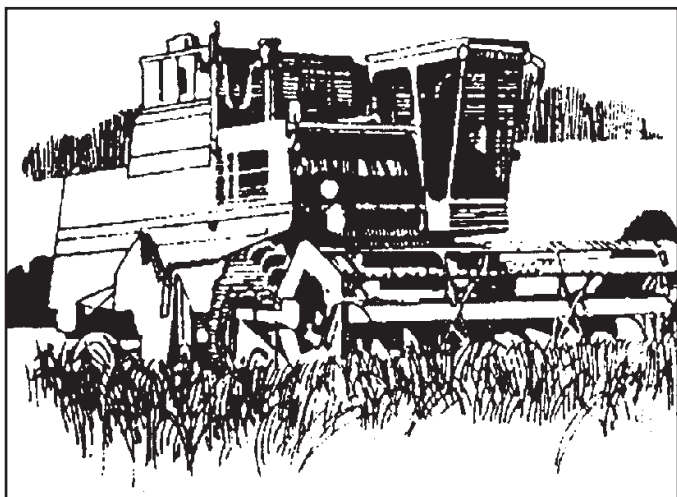
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FULL HOUSE — The Bankwest meeting room was full Thursday evening when Ward Cassidy officially announced that he would be running for Representative of the 120th District.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

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Sherry Schultz noted that if the sales tax doesn't go up, they property taxes probably will.

Receiving the top vote in the primary on Aug. 3 is important to getting Mr. Cassidy elected to the Kansas House of Representatives.

Terry Miller, clerk, said there have already been several registered Democrats come to the office and have their party affiliation changed to Republican so they can vote for Mr. Cassidy. He said they can change their party affiliation back right after the primary.

Mike Day, treasurer for the Cassidy campaign, explained some of the laws, noting that in the primary, there are limits of \$500 per person for donations. Anything over \$50 has to be reported. Expenses will be recorded.

There has been an account, "Cassidy For Representative." People wanting to donate can mail them to Box 575, St. Francis, KS 67756, drop them off at Kite and Day law office, St. Francis, or give them to Mr. Cassidy.

Board accepts letter of resignation

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The St. Francis Board of Education accepted a letter of resignation when they met on Thursday.

Marti Schlittenhardt, who teaches seventh grade English and Kansas History, will be retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs. Schlittenhardt has taught in the St. Francis schools for 41 years. Through the years, she was also the German teacher in the high school.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said that Mrs. Schlittenhardt's classes will be absorbed within the system and they will not hire a new teacher. Lisa Gibson will take the English class and Bruce Swihart will be teaching the history class.

Window replacements

Last year, the windows on the west side of the high school were replaced. The board agreed that this would be an energy saving measure and, during the cold winter this school year, Mr. Schiltz had reported that the second boiler was not needed as in year's past.

It is now time to replace 30 windows in the back of the school and the big one in the front. The board had three bids: Norton Glass, Norton, \$50,544; Colby Glass, Colby, \$58,520; and Cornerstone Building and Design, Plainville, \$79,700.

The board voted to accept the bid from Norton Glass. This was the company which installed the windows last summer and Mr.

Schiltz said they did "tremendous" work.

The money for having the windows installed will come out of the Capital Outlay Fund.

Executive session to discuss staffing plans

The board went into executive session to discuss staffing plans for next year. By law, a school board must notify a teacher in writing on or before May 1 if a teacher's contract will not be renewed. If a teacher turns in a resignation, they are required to notify the board in writing on or before May 15. No decision was made when coming out of the session.

Mr. Schiltz said there is talk in the Legislature of changing this law but, as of the meeting, nothing has been decided.

Contract offers and proposed reassignments can be acted on at the next regular meeting on April 8 or at a later special meeting, if necessary.

New policies

The school recently went through a Title Programs Review with the Kansas State Department of Education personnel. The purpose of the review was to make sure the Title programs were operating according to state and federal guidelines.

Mr. Schiltz said that, as a result of the review, two new board policies need to be implemented so the school is in compliance with the guidelines. Policy 6200 basically states that there should be one meeting date each year for the purpose of providing parents

of Title I students an opportunity to meet with school personnel. At this meeting, they will participate in the design and implementation of the Title I program.

Policy 1500 concerns homeless students. The policy states that these children will have access to free and appropriate public education. Homeless students are described as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

The policies are available at the school for those who want to review them. The board accepted the new policies.

In other business

The board's Scholarship Committee, Bonnie Zwegardt and Ed Marin, will be meeting soon to make the recommendations for the Alice Gillispie Academic Scholarship and the Walter Stephenson Scholarship.

The Kansas Association of School Boards Spring Region 9 meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, in Quinter at the high school.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the school board is set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, in the board room at the high school.

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ized ID includes the word, "twister."

He tried it during his sophomore year, pinning a Division I All-American in the first period at the Midlands Wrestling Invitational in Chicago.

"I went for it, I got it. And I kept doing it and it was working for me," Ross said.

That was in his sophomore year when he was wrestling at 197 pounds. Last year, he moved up to heavyweight to fill a void in the lineup, where size and strength overcame the quickness.

"Last year it was a little tougher with the heavyweights," he said.

This year, he wrestled at 184 pounds and finished with a 35-16

record.

"It's the best feeling to go out with a win," Ross said.

Omitted from the story was the information that Ross earned pins over Aaron Jorgen of Minnesota State-Moorhead in 53 second to advance to the consolation semifinals. There, he pinned fifth ranked Patrick Walsh of Pittsburg-Johnstown to face sixth ranked Tim Darling for third.

The win over Darling pushed Ross's career win total to 104. He also ended up with an impressive 47 career falls.

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