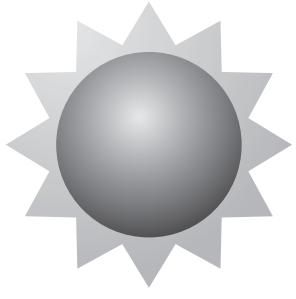


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low around 46. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Friday: Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, sunny, high near 81. Breezy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 10 p.m. Partly cloudy, low around 58. Breezy, south southeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Breezy, south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear and breezy, low around 59.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Monday: A chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Monday Night: A chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tuesday: A slight chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday: High, 58; Low 47

Precip: Wed. 0.73 inches

Month: 1.51 inches

Year: 7.16 inches

Normal: 7.24 inches

(K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset

Friday 6:26 a.m. 8:57 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Second graders chat with Korean class

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they do. The students said they have recess after lunch instead of before lunch like the Colby students.

Wieland said Miran Krannawitter, wife of Principal Lance Krannawitter, who is from Korea, helped interpret.

The time in Korea was about 11 p.m., Wieland said, and some of the kids were tired.

"When we finished the hour, some of the (Korean) kids were asleep," she said.

Many of the Colby second graders were interested in learning more about Korea, Wieland said, and the class is going to attempt to connect to the Korean school again Tuesday.

"That kind of opportunity is there," she said. "We just need to utilize it."

Second grade shows off their business projects

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up with a name for their businesses. Then they decided what goods and services their place would offer. All the products being sold at each business had to be featured in a catalogue that customers could

look at when they visited.

Rose said her students were passionate about the project, and they put a lot of work into it at school and at home. She said a lot of the parents got involved, which allowed the students to share their passions.

Wording error could cost universities \$3.6 million

TOPEKA (AP) - A wording error in an amendment to the state budget bill passed last week could reduce the amount of state aid allocated to higher education by \$3.6 million instead of bolstering it by that amount, as had been intended, the Kansas Board of Regents said.

The board asked Gov. Mark Parkinson on Wednesday to line-item veto that section of the appropriations bill, which could cost the regents another \$40 million in federal stimulus funding, officials said Wednesday.

Rep. Don Hill, a Republican from Emporia, introduced the amendment during a budget debate last week.

He intended to add \$3.6 million to the higher education budget, but an error by the legislative staff that drafted it actually reduced the budget by that amount, Reggie

Robinson, Regents president and chief executive officer, said in a letter to Parkinson.

The amendment was approved in the House on a 98-21 vote, and the Senate later also approved it.

Robinson said if the amendment is enacted, it would drop higher education appropriations below the required funding floor for the regents to use \$40 million in federal stimulus funding, The Lawrence Journal-World reported.

"It is vitally important that this Legislative staff error not jeopardize the \$40 million in federal" funding, he said.

Robinson told Parkinson that Rep. Hill and legislative staff agreed that the best action to take is to line-item veto the provision.

A Parkinson spokesman said the governor will review every provision in the budget before deciding on any action.

Teachers, staff to retire early

From "RETIRE," Page 1

staff earn points through their age and the number of years they have worked in Kansas schools.

The licensed teachers who have taken the early retirement but continue to work for the district will give up their tenure rights and become "at will" employees, who could be terminated with only two weeks notice. However, DeYoung said, they will draw their retirement plan benefits in addition to their normal salary. The district will reduce their salary somewhat to pay for a surcharge assessed on any retired employee.

The state used to have a \$20,000 limit on what retired employees could earn and still draw their benefits, DeYoung said, but it was removed several years ago and replaced with the surcharge.

DeYoung said the board had approved an early retirement incentive at a meeting April 5. She said those who took advantage of it were doing the district a favor, since those who stay retired will save the district paying their salaries. The teachers who are coming back to work will earn more, she said, but take a risk in giving up their tenure.

DeYoung said that for now, the early retirement is a one-time offer, and probably won't be offered again next school year.

The district plans a retirement reception for Mahin, Brown and Shull along with other retiring Principal Don Krebs, bookkeeper Shirley Parnell, bus driver Lois Sumner and teacher Linda Haas from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby High School Commons.

At the meeting, the board also accepted the resignation of Sherry Kinderknecht as Colby Middle School scholars' bowl co-sponsor, and voted to

hire Jared Johnson as the new high school boys' basketball coach.

In other business:

• Middle school Principal Rob Ross and grade school Principal Lance Krannawitter said their schools held "Code Gray" exercises last week. Krannawitter said a Code Gray is the schools' procedure for locking down the school if there's an intruder. Both said the exercises went well.

• Krebs told the board he couldn't be happier with the way graduation had gone. He thanked the administrators and board for their help.

• Krebs said enrollment for next year's classes began Monday at the high school. The incoming seniors got the first chance to sign up Monday morning before school. Incoming juniors enrolled Tuesday and incoming sophomores enrolled Wednesday.

Krebs said the incoming juniors will also be allowed to leave campus for lunch later this week. Sophomores are not normally allowed to leave campus, he said, but they are usually allowed to for a few days toward the end of the year.

• The board voted to continue paying membership dues at \$8,581 and legal assistance dues for about \$1,400 to the Kansas Association of School Boards. Member Kevan Taylor asked if the expense for legal assistance is worth paying. Harrison and DeYoung said they are on the phone to the association's lawyers almost every day.

"It is a lot, but we get our money's worth," Harrison said.

• The board approved summer fund raisers for the middle and high school cheerleading squads, girls tennis and softball teams, student councils, dance team, football and wrestling teams.

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American Profile We Celebrate Hometown Life

Table with columns for channel (HIST, LIFE, MTV, etc.) and program title (Ancient Aliens, Gracie's Choice, etc.)

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