

Board, teachers trade proposals on new contract

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"if not less than age 57 and meets the (Kansas Public Employees Retirement System)... requirement for early retirement;..."

Under the current system, it might be possible for a teacher to take early retirement and have the insurance benefit at age 53 rather than 57. Porterfield said the teachers suggested the district pay \$500 extra to teachers who did not retire before age 57 as an incentive to stay. She said this was much cheaper than the estimated cost of the insurance

to the district, and could keep a valuable staff person for an additional few years.

Selby and Russell said the district feels the word should have been "and" to begin with, and believes this is simply a clean-up of the language. Selby said it could be expensive if a large group of teachers took early retirement at the same time below age 57.

The second part of the proposal would raise the cap on the annual maximum cost of providing health insurance to retired teachers. Presently the maximum cost is at \$2,500. The teach-

ers have proposed changing the language to have the district simply pay the "single-person premium" for the retired teacher. The new district proposal would raise the cap to \$2,800 maximum cost.

Selby said the increase would cover the current cost of a single-person premium, and felt the district would rather continue to look at this as the costs change.

Porterfield said it was good to see the district agree there needs to be an adjustment, but still feels having the district pay the level of the single-person

premium would be better.

There was a lengthy discussion about the use of Professional Development Points in moving across the salary schedule, and Porterfield said it appeared there was some confusion about which points were used for teacher rectification and for counting toward the district-wide calculations. She said contact would be made with the points committee to clarify this before the teachers present their proposal.

Porterfield said the teachers were not able to present their salary proposal

because when the one they were working on came out of the computer, it did not match what they wanted to propose.

She asked the school board team if they could present the district salary proposal rather than always waiting until after the teachers presented theirs.

Selby said the district was not prepared to present a salary proposal, but

he would say the school board team was looking at a 3-percent level for raises. He said for the 96 teachers in the district, that would cost about \$100,000.

Porterfield replied that the teachers would try to have their proposal ready before the next session, which is set for 4 p.m. Thursday at the district office.

Freshman on Dean's List

Melinda Schwasinger, a 1999 graduate of Goodland High School, was named to the Dean's List at Wichita State University during the first semester.

Then on March 31, she was inducted into Sigma Gamma Tau, an aerospace engineering National Honor Society. She qualified by being in the top 5 percent of her class as a high school junior with 60 credit hours, in the top 10 percent of her senior class with 90 credit hours, and by demonstrating leadership and integrity.

On April 14, she was inducted into

Tau Beta Pi, an engineering National Honor Society. She qualified by being in the top 1/8 of her junior class in high school and the top 1/5 of her class.

Schwasinger completed 16 credit hours last semester, and is enrolled in 19 credit hours this semester. She should graduate with a bachelor's degree in May 2002.

She plans to obtain a Master's degree focusing on structural engineering within the aerospace engineering field from the university.

Her parents are Richard and Diane Schwasinger, Goodland.

baseball standings

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	9	6	.600	—
Florida	10	7	.588	—
New York	9	7	.563	1/2
Montreal	8	7	.533	1
Philadelphia	5	9	.357	3 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	11	5	.688	—
Cincinnati	8	7	.533	2 1/2
Houston	6	8	.429	4
Milwaukee	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Chicago	7	11	.389	5

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Arizona	12	4	.750	—
Los Angeles	8	6	.571	3
Colorado	8	9	.471	4 1/2
San Diego	7	9	.438	5
San Francisco	4	11	.267	7 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Montreal 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 1
Cincinnati 5, San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Milwaukee 1
Atlanta 10, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 4, San Diego 3
Arizona 8, Colorado 7
Houston 10, Los Angeles 3

Thursday's Games

Cincinnati 11, San Francisco 1
Chicago Cubs 10, Montreal 6
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 2, 14 innings
N.Y. Mets 5, Milwaukee 4, 10 innings
Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 14, San Diego 1

Arizona 3, Colorado 0
Only games scheduled

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Haynes 2-0) at Montreal (Hermanson 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ashby 0-1) at Florida (Nunez 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 0-0) at Cincinnati (Parris 1-2), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 0-1), 5:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Parra 0-0) at Atlanta (Mulholland 1-2), 5:40 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 2-1) at Houston (Lima 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jimenez 3-0) at St. Louis (Hentgen 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 1-2) at Arizona (Stottlemire 3-0), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Farnsworth 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Springer 0-0), 11:10 a.m.
Los Angeles (Park 2-1) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-1), 11:15 a.m.
San Diego (Clement 2-0) at Houston (Holt 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Reuter 1-1) at Arizona (Daal 0-1), 2:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Stull 0-1) at Montreal (Irabu 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 0-1) at Florida (Sanchez 2-0), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 0-2) at Atlanta (Burkett 0-2), 5:10 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshii 1-1) at St. Louis (Stpehenson 2-0), 6:10 p.m.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	11	3	.786	—
Baltimore	9	5	.643	2
Boston	9	6	.600	2 1/2
Toronto	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Tampa Bay	5	10	.333	6 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	9	6	.600	—
Cleveland	9	6	.600	—
Kansas City	8	9	.471	2
Minnesota	7	10	.412	3
Detroit	4	10	.286	4 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Seattle	8	6	.571	—
Anaheim	8	8	.500	1
Oakland	7	9	.438	2
Texas	6	9	.400	2 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 4, 10 innings
Toronto 12, Anaheim 4
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 10, Detroit 0
Oakland 10, Cleveland 5
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 6

Thursday's Games

Boston at Detroit, p.p.d., rain
Minnesota 9, Kansas City 7
Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 4
Toronto 12, Anaheim 11

Cleveland 9, Oakland 5
Only games scheduled

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 1-0) at Toronto (Carpenter 0-3), 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Witt 0-0) at Boston (P.Martinez 3-0), 5:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-0) at Tampa Bay (Gooden 1-0), 5:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 0-2) at Texas (Clark 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nitkowski 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Durbin 1-0) at Seattle (Moyer 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 1-0) at Oakland (Olivares 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-1) at Toronto (Escobar 1-2), 11:05 a.m.
Cleveland (Finley 1-0) at Boston (Fassero 1-1), 11:05 a.m.
Detroit (Weaver 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 0-3) at Seattle (Garcia 2-1), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 1-0) at Oakland (Heredia 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Yan 0-1), 2:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 0-1) at Texas (Loaiza 0-1), 6:05 p.m.

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