

Board still wants to build on to school

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ments to get the best use out of space available.

Superintendent Selby said the committee's goals are to find space to build new classrooms, study merging the junior high and high school and installing air conditioning. He said the committee will meet again next Tuesday.

In other business, the board:

- Gave permission to seek bids on a new boiler for West Elementary School before the next regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 27. Selby said he expects the boiler to cost \$20,000.

- Heard staff reports, with Harvey Swager, high school principal, saying 67 percent of parents attended parent-teacher conferences this month. Richard Liess, high school athletic director, said he has received two letters commending the Goodland Cowboys' football team on their sportsmanship during football games.

Jerry Burkett, principal of West Elementary, said students voted for president on election day, but they don't

have results because they are recounting the ballots. He said the school decided to handle the election the same way it's being handled in the nation.

Sharon Gregory, principal of Central Elementary, said students' goal during National Children's Book Week this week is to read 2,200 books. If they reach the goal, she said, she might kiss a monkey. When students reached their goal of reading 2,000 books last year, Gregory kissed a pig.

Jim Mull, principal of Grant Junior High, said the school is working to improve test scores by letting parents know what's expected of their children and showing parents their children's test scores.

Steve Raymer, principal of North Elementary, said the kindergartners will have a Thanksgiving feast next week and the sixth grade will perform a concert at 6 p.m. on Thursday night at the high school auditorium.

- Approved paying \$179,000 in bills and transferring \$120,000 from the local option budget, with \$20,000 going to the in service account and \$100,000 to the transportation budget.

Clean-up



Brady Philbrick helped shovel away snow on his mother's driveway at 12th and Arcade on Sunday morning. A storm Saturday dropped three inches of snow on Goodland.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Technical school hopes to offer college degrees

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to get an associate's degree. Those who are interested, he said, must earn 16 college credits in general classes, such as science, math and language.

But the technical school won't offer the courses, so students will have to transfer in the credits from another college or university or attend Colby Community College, which has offered outreach classes at the Goodland school since 1978.

"We think it will help Colby as well as help our students," Keirns said about the relationship.

The state Legislature will have to

give its final approval before the change is official, which would be in July, said Keirns.

The administration will start preparing to become a college as soon as they're sure it will happen.

If things go as planned, by next summer the school's name will be "Northwest Kansas Technical College."

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Man guilty in robbery

WICHITA (AP) — A Wichita man was found guilty Monday of a convenience store robbery that resulted in the death of the store owner.

U.S. Attorney Jackie Williams said a jury found Larry Jermaine Battle Jr., 24, guilty of one count of robbery and one count of using a firearm during the robbery that resulted in the murder of Edward Lee, 53.

According to court records, Battle told the FBI that he robbed the store because rainy weather had slowed his lawn service work.

Battle's co-defendant, Dius T. Lorange, 25, of Wichita, pleaded guilty Oct. 30 to one count of robbery and one

count of aiding and abetting the use of a firearm in connection with the robbery.

According to court records, Battle and Lorange told Lee, who was behind the counter of the convenience store, that they wanted money.

Lee opened the register, and Lorange jumped the counter and took the money. They told Lee not to move. When Lee began walking toward the men, Battle fired one shot from a sawed-off double-barrel shotgun, according to court papers. They ran from the store, and Battle threw the gun in a trash can.

Winter seeding almost done

WICHITA (AP) — Winter wheat seeding is 93 percent complete in Kansas, far behind normal even for this late in the year, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday.

In its weekly crop weather report the agency said that by this time last year 100 percent of the planting was finished. On average, 99 percent would be done by now.

Wheat has emerged on 87 percent of the acreage.

Farmers have pastured four percent of the emerging wheat, about average for the state.

The service also issued its first con-

dition report for the 2001 winter wheat crop.

Kids get new books to own

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the elementary schools. Kids get to take home a free book, she said.

"We line up books of all different topics," said Karen Colip, the library technician at Central Elementary. "Then the kids get to pick which book they want."

Smith said the reading program is important to the kids so they can have a book to call their own.

"Of course they can come into the library and check out books on all topics," she said, "but they always have to return them.

"The ownership part is very important to kids this age."

The school wants to provide the kids with books to add to their own home library, said Smith.

Books on Barbie are popular with the reading program this year, said Smith, and this surprised the librarians.

Books on dinosaurs and sharks are still popular, as they have been for many years and probably will be for many more years, Smith said.

The reading program, she added, is funded partly by a national program and partly by the district.

"Nationally, they tell us the books should average \$2 a piece," said Smith, "but everyone knows you can't buy many books that cost \$2, which is why we ask for additional funds from the district."

Goodland provides the program in the junior high and high school also, she said, which few other schools do.

Colip said at Central they are kicking off their annual reading competition this week also. The competition this year is called "We're going bananas over books."

Every time a kid reads a book, they get to fill out a banana cut-out and stick it on a paper tree. They are aiming for over 2,000 bananas by the end of the program in May.

"If the kids make their goal," she said, "then they get a huge banana split party at the end of the school year."

Sharon Gregory, principal at Central, will have to kiss a monkey if the kids make it to their goal.

All this week, Colip said, she is having special guest readers from the community in to read to the kids.

At North Elementary, the fifth and sixth graders will be reading to the kindergartners this week, said Smith. The librarian is also going to try to have the kindergarten class memorize a book so they can recite it back to the fifth grade class.

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