

# Board votes 6-1 to close North

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14 volunteers in February through May of 2008 to look at declining enrollment. They had suggestions, including a new kindergarten through 12 facility; expanding the high school into a kindergarten through 12 facility; go to two school with kindergarten through sixth at North Elementary and seventh through 12 at the high school; go to three schools with kindergarten through fifth at West Elementary, sixth through eighth at North Elementary and nine through 12 at the high school; and finally to close the administration building and move it to Central Elementary and close Grant Junior High.

In August 2008, the district hired the architect from Horst, Terrill and Karst Architects to do a structural analysis of all the buildings. Their findings were that the buildings were all sound, all buildings need multiple capital improvements, the student population was expected to continue to decline and the board would need to close buildings, the high school has room for more than its current population and a new kindergarten through sixth would be more efficient.

The board made school visits in September 2009 with the focus on capital improvements.

In September 2008, Superintendent Angelos proposed that the district close Grant Junior High

and move those students to the high school. This was a suggestion by the task force and the architect. That would cut student moves from six transitions to five. The concerns included the difficulty of closing a building and what to do with an empty building, concerns about mixing high school and junior high students since there would not be a designated place for the junior high without modifications, and security issues. At that time it was not supported by the school board.

Angelos proposed closing North Elementary in September 2009. She said that North needed more repairs than Central or West. It would not cost money for construction to move students to the other elementary schools and the junior high.

The cuts in funding for the general fund from the state is expected to be as much as \$400,000, the superintendent said. The state has been making cuts because its income has been less than projected.

Angelos said she expects the district to eventually be a two school district instead of five.

Board member Amy Sederstrom made the motion for the resolution to close North Elementary at the end of the current school year. John Hendrich seconded the motion. Board member Gary Slough, Andrew House, Mike Cochran, Philbrick, Sederstrom and Hendrich voted in favor and Chuck Wilkens voted no.

# Changing fuel station could save county money

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he took care of all the stations along I-70.

Atteberry said he did, and that the fleet card can be used at 32,000 stations around the country using Valero. He said a list of locations are available on the website.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad asked if they checked the price off the pump or would the county get a discount.

"When I talked to Curt he said the county gets about a 13 cent discount," Atteberry said. "I believe you paid \$2.81 for No. 2 diesel and after discount that day we were 10 cents lower with the discount. When I went by their store that was their cash price."

Commissioner Max Linin asked if the county got patronage from Frontier Ag.

Thomas said the county does not get patronage.

Atteberry said the county gets the gas tax back from the state by filling out forms for the state.

Thomas asked about the diesel in the motor graders, and that he did not think the No. 2 would work.

Atteberry said because of the filtering the county has to use No. 1 diesel fuel in the winter time.

"We do not have No. 1 diesel in the winter," he said. "We do blend our diesel to try to keep it from gelling. We try to keep the diesel blended

depending on the temperature."

Helpingstone said the company blends No. 1 and No. 2, and it has been blended to a minus 20 degrees this year.

Atteberry said the blending gets the best performance out of the fuel for the temperature.

Thomas said the commissioners would get together with Butts and Way and get back to Helpingstone and Atteberry.

Thomas asked if there was a discount for using the fleet cards.

Atteberry said the company does give a discount of 1 cent on gas and 2 cents on diesel.

Thomas asked if the company might give a discount because the county pays every two weeks.

Atteberry said he would talk to the president of the company about passing the discount along to the county.

He said the billing can be set up any way the county wants, and can be sent out weekly, every two weeks or monthly depending on how the county would want it set up.

He said Heather is always available and it is good to be able to talk to a person.

"We are here and can help you," Heather said, "even for part of your business."

Thomas thanked them for coming and said they would get back after meeting with the sheriff and public works manager.



## FCCLA presents flag service

Members of the Xpressos (above) sang the National Anthem at the FCCLA flag service held at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday before the basketball game with Burlington. Members of the FCCLA (left) were the color guard and presented the flags.

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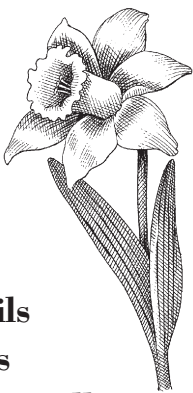
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