

School board to interview for empty seat

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Goodland School Board members plan to interview two candidates Monday to replace Danny Whalen, who resigned because he moved to Colorado.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said two interviews are scheduled for the board meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. Monday at the district office, 1312 Main.

Andrew House, who ran for a seat on the board last election, and John Hendrich, both area farmers, applied for the position, he said.

In the last election, House missed taking a seat on the board by just 61 votes. He was right behind incumbent board member Dick Short.

Selby said the board has a list of questions, including "Why do you want to be on the school board?" and "How can the superintendent

best keep the board informed?" He isn't sure if the board will make a decision after the interviews or wait until the meeting on Monday, Sept. 12. The interviews and the appointment will be done in open session, he said, adding that the board is still accepting applications for the seat.

Whalen said while he resigned from the school board, he continues to run the Goodland Dairy Queen from his new home in Castle Rock, Colo.

"I just moved to Castle Rock," he said, adding that he enjoyed his time with the school board and was sorry to leave. "I miss the school board something fierce."

In other business on Monday, Aug. 8, the board:

- Discussed a visit from Gov. Kathleen Sebelius planned for Tuesday. The district will have

teacher training that day, he said, and the governor wants to visit with teachers for 15 minutes at 3 p.m.

Selby said the staff will meet in the high school cafeteria for 30 minutes.

- Hired Julie Dautel and Stephanie Grippin as kindergarten teachers; Marlene Eddleman as speech aide at West; Carla Jimenez as high school assistant volleyball coach and assistant girls' basketball coach; Curt Minner, assistant girls' basketball coach for one-fourth of the season; Andy Scheopner as assistant track coach and seventh grade volleyball coach; Travis Witman as seventh grade football coach; Jeremy Samson as seventh grade assistant football coach; Greg Craig as eighth grade football coach; Char Avila as eighth grade volleyball coach; Donna Ruddell as a seven-hour cook; and Kristina

McCool as a three-hour cook, both at Central; and Pete Pholek as a six-hour custodian at Central.

- Considered using the heat schedule for the first few days of school. Selby said he will watch the temperature leading up to Wednesday to determine if they will need heat days. Students would attend morning school sessions and miss the hot afternoon, he said.

"No one learns anything when it's 100 degrees in the room," he said, adding that teachers are told to take kids outside and make sure they have enough water.

Working out heat days in advance, he said, gives parents time to plan for child care.

- Got an update on Laura Rice, a student who graduated in 2003. Rice was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the board to the college of her choice as a reward for perfect

attendance for her high school career.

Selby said Rice did not go to college right away, but is now enrolled in a program in Las Vegas. He told her to send the college information and the board would send the scholarship money.

"She seemed very happy," he said.

He added Rice went through massage therapy school and bartending school, but is now enrolled in a junior college.

- Heard a report on the sign at the high school. Selby said the class of 1990 is working to put up an electronic sign to display information.

- Approved a milk bid from Vap. "They're good to do business with," said Selby, adding that the company brings fresh milk at a reasonable price. The district did have another bid, but the numbers came

in after the deadline and the school board meeting on Aug. 8.

The Vap bid will charge the school roughly 22 cents for a half pint of vitamin D milk, 21 cents for a half pint of two percent milk, 19 cents for a half pint of one percent milk and 21 cents for a half pint of skim chocolate milk. The bid price is variable based on the cost of raw milk.

- Approved minutes, financial reports and bills totaling \$67,971.

- Set Saturday, Sept. 17, as a board retreat day. The board will meet at the administration office to discuss plans for the future. Selby said they will talk about potential growth from the planned energy complex.

While the meeting is public, he said, the board will just discuss ideas and they will not take any votes.

Pie for a good cause



Bankwest employee Tina Anderson took one for the bank's Relay for Life team after co-worker Yesenia Diaz paid \$1 to throw a whipped-cream pie in her face in July. Employees took 15-minute shifts where friends, family, coworkers or anyone who wanted to could throw a pie at them for \$1. Buyers could make special requests, asking for the employee of their choice, including the bank president, tellers and loan officers, for \$3 each. A bake sale for Relay For Life was set up inside the bank. The group raised \$260 for their team during the three-hour event. The Relay For Life teams will begin walking at 7 p.m. tonight at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. The annual walk through the night raises money to fight cancer, and honors and remembers those who have survived or did not survive the disease.

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Yearbooks now available

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One hundred and twenty eight pages of last year's memories have been set in print in Goodland High School yearbooks, which came in last week.

JoAnn Wahrman, yearbook sponsor and librarian at the high school, presented each school board member with a copy of the book at a meeting on Monday, Aug. 8.

"The students who put this together did an excellent job," Wahrman said.

"This is one of the nicest looking ones I've seen," said member Marty Melia.

Wahrman said the school sold a total of 221 copies at \$40.50 each, including tax.

She said they have paid \$8,640 for the books and still owe \$4,500.

She said eight pages of the book are done in color, costing an extra \$800.

Wahrman is looking into doing the entire book in color.

"I really don't want to go any higher on the books," she said, adding that she doesn't want to ask for more on advertisements either.

To offset the cost of making the books, the school sells ads.

Wahrman said 14 of the 128 pages are ads.

The school made \$4,465 on busi-

ness ads and \$615 for ads sold to parents of seniors, she said.

The ads cost \$150 for a full page, \$125 for a 1/2 page, \$75 for 1/4 of a page, \$50 for 1/8 of a page and \$35 for 1/10 of a page.

At the current rate, Wahrman said, the book cost between \$90 and \$100 per page to produce.

Overall, she said, the school probably broke even on the yearbooks, but she won't know for sure until she gets the final bill.

"We should be fairly close," she said.

To help with yearbook expenses next year, Wahrman said she will start using some of the profits from collected used ink cartridges and used cell phones.

She said some businesses that might not want to continue buying advertisement could collect cartridges to help out.

Dick Short, school board member, asked if any of the advertising businesses ever buy yearbooks.

"Very few do," Wahrman answered.

She said the school used to give a book away with each ad, but they can't afford to anymore.

The yearbooks are available in the office at the high school from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the office.

Wahrman said the company that puts them together normally sends a few extra that are on sale at the office for \$42 each.

Goodland banks, businesses watch for fake \$50s

Goodland has been hit by counterfeit \$50 bills.

One of the first bills was caught by the First National Bank, sparking a chain of warnings throughout town.

Courtney Warden, Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce manager, sent a message telling businesses and banks to beware.

Police Chief Ray Smee said the \$50 bill was taken in by First National Bank at the fair.

While police have started an investigation, Smee said fake bills are hard to trace.

Counterfeit 50s, he added, are unusual.

"20s are the most common things people pass," he said.

"They are very, very good duplicates," said Sherida Shoff, a vice president of First National Bank.

She said the major difference between the fakes and real bills is their fuzzy texture.

The fakes are easily spotted by the serial number EB01804897, she added, which is the same on every bill.

The bills, she said, give a false valid signal with counterfeit detecting pens.

The pens are a sort of marker that is supposed to turn yellow for a valid bill and black for a counterfeit.

Joshua Dechant, vice president and loan officer at Bankwest, said the fake bills have a water mark and a metal bar just like the real ones.

Smee said when they get counterfeit reports, the police launch an investigation and call the U.S. Secret Service.

Tuesday all of the banks in town were on the lookout for the bills, but only First National and Bankwest had seen them.

Smee said anyone taking a bill should pay attention if it feels

strange.

Any details will help the investigation.

"They should get as much information as the can," he said.

The police will come to the business and check out the report.

Even if the bill is not a fake, he said, it's important to report any suspicions.

Applications in for Loan Deficiency Payments

New Loan Deficiency Payment applications are available at the Sherman County Farm Service Agency office, allowing farmers to sign up in advance of harvest to establish eligibility for the program.

Dennis Mote, executive director of the Sherman County office, said the forms should simplify the program. He suggested all farmers who have land in the county check with the office before harvest.

"In the past, many farmers have not submitted the LDP forms before harvest," Mote said, "and this re-

duces their beneficial interest in the commodity, which can make them ineligible.

"The new form, when filed before harvest, allows the farmer to indicate they plan to receive LDP benefits. With the form filed, the farmer can submit a request at any time during the program period."

The form covers all eligible commodities.

Mote said farmers should check with the county office before they start harvest for corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and other minor

oilseed crops.

Mote said farmers with operations in more than one county only have to file one form.

The Sherman County office, 210 W. 10th, can be reached at (785) 899-3070.

The form is available on the Internet at <forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>. Copies are available at elevators or warehouses in the county.

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corrections

An article "Board recommends industrial zoning" in the Friday, Aug 12, *Goodland Star-News* said Mike Vandiver worked for Guyer Farms. He is a former employee. Vandiver now works for Harlan Dale House. This was a reporting error.

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In the article "Coaches drill their teams for fall sports season" freshman Shonna Webster's first name was spelled incorrectly. Freshman Kathy Wood, another new face at

the Cowgirls' first practice on Monday morning, was left out. This was a reporting error.

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