Student numbers down, will cost district \$100,000

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"It gets very complicated," Selby said.

Selby said Thursday the school finance law allows a district with declining enrollment three options for figuring the budget: use last year's enrollment, this year's enrollment or an average of the last three years — whichever is highest.

Last year, he said, full-time enrollment on the official county day on September 20 was 944. Regardless of what this year's enrollment, the district will be able to use the 944 count for the budget. The big loss will not really hit the budget until

two years from now Selby said. said the head count of students for last year was 1,007 but the total full was 944, and that is what the budget figures were based on.

Angelos said the district will get \$4,300 per student from the state for this year as part of the budget, but the loss of 45 students would cost them about \$194,000 in state money next year

Selby said there is some immediate impact this year because some of those students were in special extra money.

He estimated that the free lunch Superintendent Shelly Angelos program would be down to 275 from 309 last year. He said not all the counts are in, but he estimated time audited student enrollment the money for the at-risk program would be down by \$40,794 because of that. (Students who qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch are considered at risk becasue of the economic status.)<?>

> Vocational enrollment is down, Selby said, with an estimated a loss of \$17,000. Bilingual and the transportation may be down about \$2,580 each.

"That means this year's budget is programs, which bring the district going to have to be cut by \$100,218 we are not going to get," Selby said.

cut or delay.

"The impacts next year will be higher if the numbers stay the same.

There are three options to look at, he said, cutting programs or staff, raising taxes or finding more students.

'That is the bad news for the night," Selby said. "I feel badly about my estimates, but they are not far off in some aspects. This is not where we wanted to go. We had anticipated being down a bit, but not this far.'

"The superintendent and principals asked if the drop in numbers will meeting, will have to look for things they can mean Goodland High is still a Class 4A school.

> "I asked Steve Raymer (principal at junior high, who was the high school activities director last year) that question," Selby said. "I think we will be on the lower edge of the 4A bracket or the upper end of 3A."

Earlier in his presentation, Selby said he had followed a U-haul into town, and the family had stopped at a school to enroll two students.

"We need to look for more Uhauls," board member Dick Short said.

Board member Amy Sederstrom news," Selby said as he left the

"It is going to take a lot of cooperation to find ways to make this work," Angelos said.

Members asked High School Principal Harvey Swager if there was any way to know what happened to the 45 students.

'We know of 17 who moved to other school districts," Swager said. "We are trying to track back the rest of them."

"We can look for growth in the lower grades," Angelos said. "That is what we want to see for the future."

With no other comments, the "I am sorry to be the bearer of bad board approved the budget as published.

Board wrestling with virtual school enrollment, eligibility issue

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to count .25 of a full time student for that person in the state funding sys-

allow this student to participate in activities. Under the state policy, they can take all their core classes on line, and take other classes and be eligible to participate in activities.

"It is something we need to address. We might want to hear from Harvey Swager (high school principal) and Don Smith (the activity director).'

Smith said he felt there are two sides to the question.

"As a student takes some virtual classes and then one or two at school, they do count as a portion of the student body for funding,"

whether we are going to be Class 4A the budget?" or not.

"You will have to make a policy were to participate in a school musical play.

"This is changing eligibility, because a student has to pass six classes in our district to participate rather than the old five-class rule. for this, as the state ... policy only requires they be passing five classes.

their records to be sure they are being successful in all classes. You have to make that determination.

"If you took 20 students and they decided that was pretty nifty, we are

Smith said. "It they are in school for still counting them in one way, but they have enrolled in the core one hour, they are going to be part what does it do to the numbers that classes," Angelos said. "We could of our classification count as to Marvin Selby was talking about for

Board members were not so sure. "If they want to participate in our "It is up to the board (whether) to about whether the student has to be activities, don't they have to meet enrolled in the music class if they the same requirements as the students who are gong to our school?" asked member Fritz Doke. "If the student is taking five classes on line, do they get credit for our school?"

"It is up to us," Swager said, "to determine if we want to accept the Will we have to have an exception classes. The state requires the virtual school to be fully accredited by the Kansas Department of Education, but we have the right to review "We will have to have access to the classes and decide if we accept them for credit."

> "Do they take the standardized tests?" asked member Andrew House.

"The letter we received is that

classes on line and comes in and auditions for a school play. I could see that as a potential political problem in the class and the community.

Doke asked about high school students who went full time at the Technical College and were still considered full time.

Swager said those students had taken the required government class early, and were exempt from the senior English.

We considered them seniors in our school," Swager said, adding that he would not say the practice was always successful.

'The activities association is allowing the schools to make the decision?" Doke asked.

'They have said it is up to the local schools," Angelos said. "The student must have one class at the school.'

Board member Dick Short said he thought more and more students are using virtual schools and he ex-

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pects more in the future.

"Activities are a privilege for have a talented student taking all the working in our school system," House said, "That is part of what we pay for as a school district. I think that will put us in a jam."

> "Right now, with our budget situation and student count, I think we need to keep things they way they are until we know what is happening," said member Marty Melia.

"Taken to the extreme, virtual schools can put the public schools out of business," Angelos said.

"I feel the answer is making our schools so attractive and our activities that people will want to attend our schools," said member LeAnn Friedrichs. "We need to attract those students. I'm in favor of keeping things the way they are."

We do not have a policy on dual enrollments," Angelos said. "What we do want is to have them come to school and be sure we are getting the funding piece. We do want that, and maybe they will decide to become full-time students to participate.

"Then we do no have to allow the

Swager said the student in question wants to participate in wres-

activities part."

tling. 'If we don't allow him to participate, he will go with the Kansas Kids program," he said.

"They will enroll in our high school?" Short said.

"Yes," Swager said. "The student is enrolled in two classes. There are two from the same family and one is going full time. The other was a full-time student last year, but made a decision to go the virtual route this year."

Philbrick suggested waiting until the next board meeting to make a decision.

"We are not leaning toward allowing the student to participate in activities," Philbrick said. "We will allow virtual school credits from accredited schools with our review."



Crossword Puzzle

matters of record **Goodland Police**

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Aug. 11 – 6:51 p.m., 1124 Wyoming, arrested Craig Grantz for battery and disorderly conduct against Cindy and Christopher Grantz. Case referred to city attorney.

10:29 p.m., 300 E. Ninth, arrested Ernest Garza for disorderly conduct, pedestrian under the influence. Victims Richard Miller and City of Goodland. Case referred to city attorney.

Aug. 12 – 1:55 p.m., Main and Armory Road, arrested Austin J. Werth, Adam C. Werth and Aaron L. Borell for minor in consumption of 2:45 p.m., 2218 Commerce, ar- referred to county attorney.

rested Crystal Amack and Irvin Linsy for driving while suspended Cherry, Crystal Ford reported and robbery. Victim was Heather criminal damage to property. Mann and City of Goodland. Case referred to county attorney.

12:27 p.m., 1600 Main, Emanuel B. Young reported criminal damage to property.

8:25 p.m., 301 Main, arrested Enrique Hernandez for theft of services from City of Goodland. Case referred to city attorney.

Aug. 13 - 6:18 a.m., 2423 Enterprise, Conoco Travel Shoppe reported a gas skip.

Aug. 14 – 11:12 a.m., 520 Main, arrested Craig Austin on a warrant. 3:03 p.m., 423 Kansas, arrested Russell James Winslow on a waralcohol. Case referred to city attorney. rant from Kit Carson County. Case

Aug. 15 - 5:44 p.m., 1316

Municipal Court

Goodland Municipal Court:

while suspended, fined \$436, plus attorney fees, 10 days in jail to serve 5 days.

influence, \$1,050, jail 90 days, to serve 5 days, ADSAP\$150, lab fees \$400.

tion restrictions, fined \$110, license suspended for 30 days.

speeding 51-40, fined \$94.

large – fourth time, fined \$210.

These are cases decided by the

Aug. 16: Maria J. Garza, driving

Dolores V. Cody, driving under

Britton C. Williams, drive viola-

Aug. 17: Martin J. McClure,

Aug. 18: Gary M. Garza, dog at

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