

Cooling down



AT THE SWIMMEET Saturday Monte Moore who was volunteering as an announcer and Kelly Glodt chatted. The swim meet which went on all day is the first Oberlin has hosted in years.
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Federal Aviation officials interested in airport project

City officials and state legislators traveled to Kansas City on Thursday to talk with Federal Aviation Administration officials about lengthening the runway at the Oberlin Municipal Airport to 7,000 feet.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the meeting was just another step in the process, although the federal officials said they couldn't remember ever seeing a group that size at a meeting like this one, about 30 people in all.

Those who attended from here included Connie Grafel, city marketing and economic development director; Mr. Shike; council members Jay Anderson, Marcia Lohofener and Rhonda May; Mayor Joe Stanley; County Commissioner Doyle Brown; Jennings Mayor Bob Jones; Doc Franklin, who serves on the Decatur Tomorrow group; and Gaylord Shields. The group was joined by state Rep. John Faber and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer; Larry Bren-

nan, with Bus and Coach International; Ron Frierson with the Kansas Department of Commerce; and the city's consultants on the airport project, Bucher, Willis and Ratliff of Kansas City.

The group took a bus loaned by Bus and Coach International.

Mr. Shike said he thought the federal officials seemed interested in the project. Part of the meeting focused on justifying why the area needs a 7,000-foot runway, he said.

School Board hires teachers, athletic director and counselor

The Oberlin School Board hired two teachers, an athletic director and a counselor, at its meeting last Monday.

The board named Joe Dreher as the athletic director for the high school, taking the place of Randy Olson. Mr. Olson retired and was hired back as a part-time teacher at the May meeting. Mr. Dreher has worked for the school district for 12 years as gym teacher and coach.

Keith Grafel, who is already a part-time gym teacher at the grade school, was hired as a part-time gym teacher at the high school. That will fill some of the classes Mr. Dreher used to teach, said Superintendent Kelly Glodt.

Debbie Arp from McCook was hired as a part-time counselor at the high school and part-time at-risk

School Roundup

At the monthly meeting last Monday, the Oberlin School Board:

- Decided to put plans for a ramp from the front door of the high school to Commercial Street on hold until after the Alumni Association checks into getting the building on the state historical registry. Story to come.
- Approved putting the junior high

and ninth graders into a "success academy" and weighed classes for the high school through handbook changes. Story to come.

- Decided to continue with catastrophic insurance, which costs the district \$450 a year. Story below.
- Hired two teachers, an athletic director and a counselor. Story at left.

teacher. She has five years experience teaching.

Sarah Reif from Kansas was hired as the band teacher at the grade and high schools. She is a first-year teacher.

Before hiring the new teachers, the board approved the resignation

of Christie Morris, band teacher; Nita Lavielle, high school counselor and English teacher; and Carla Britton, cook.

The district still needs a part-time English teacher at the junior high, said Dr. Glodt, and a basketball coach at the high school.

Board continues insurance

The Oberlin School Board decided last Monday to continue with catastrophic insurance, which costs the district \$450 a year.

The catastrophic insurance covers the school for some losses from \$10,000 to \$25,000, said Superintendent Kelly Glodt. These used to be covered by Kansas State High School Activities Association insurance, he said, but now that coverage doesn't start until the \$25,000 mark. The association will cover anything after \$25,000, though.

Dr. Glodt reported on summer projects. The roofers are working on the high school, he said. This is the second year of the roofing project, with one year remaining, he said.

About mid-summer, he said, the roofers will switch to the grade school and work on the kindergarten building. By the time school starts, all of the grade school will have a new roof. The main building was done last year.

Next year, Dr. Glodt said, the roofers have one section of the high school left and the administrative building.

Also this summer, he said, a new hot water heater and new boiler will go in at the high school. The track will be resurfaced in late summer to early fall.

All of these projects are set up and the district has the money for them, he said; they just haven't all been started.

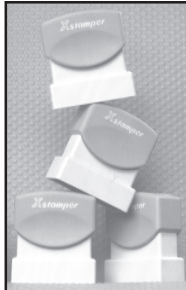
exhaust fans at the high school while the roof is getting done. Dr. Glodt said a number of the fans weren't working or were in bad shape. The board decided to replace the fans while the roof is torn up. This will cost \$8,000.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a new Head Start agreement. Dr. Glodt said the class offered through the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center will be moved back into the grade school building, since one of the all-day kindergarten classes will need the downstairs of the kindergarten building.
- Approved a resolution to authorize the board president and board clerk to pay any year-end bills and make any necessary transfers.
- Joined the Kansas Association

of School Boards and its legal assistance fund for \$1,100. The board decided not to join the National School Board Association.

- Sent a letter to Dan Wasson, former board member, to ask him to continue serving as the representative for the Northwest Kansas Technical College board.
- Heard the students had done well on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and ACT exams.
- Watched a presentation of the high school student council's trip to Washington given by Jenny Plousard and Kurt Olson.
- Decided that fees will stay the same, except kindergarten fees, which will increase to the same amount as first-grade fees since the students will go all day. Those fees will be \$25.



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