

# Two receive tenure; board OKs teacher contracts

The Oberlin School Board approved contracts at the April meeting that will give two teachers at the high school tenure, and agreed to offer contracts to all nontenured and tenured teachers in both schools.

Principal Charlie Haag suggested rehiring both Matt Micek, industrial arts teacher the last three years, and Jason Ketterl, vocational agriculture teacher since 2005, to tenured positions for the new year.

Hiring a teacher for their fourth year, under Kansas law, gives them tenure, which protects them from dismissal. Until then, a teacher can be terminated with no reason given.

Approved for part-time positions were Robyn Wessel, high school math; Sarah Bricker, band; Debbie Arp, high school counselor; Linda Glaze, district librarian; Terri Woolsey, art; Keith Grafel, gym; Dick Ahlberg, social studies and golf coach; and

Randy Olson, science.

Other teachers at the high school approved for another year were Brenda Breth, English/journalism; Leigh Davis, English; Caleb Howland, science; Tim Breth, math; Candy Dejmal, computers; Marlene Moxter, social science; Mark Bricker, science; Pat Dorshorst, math; Susan Nelson, vocal; Carol Brown, Spanish; Joe Dreher, gym and athletic director; and Wendy Scott, math.

At the grade school, the board approved contracts for Judy Elwood, Tim Thorton and Sandy Ketterl as full-time nontenured teachers and Mrs. Bricker as a part-time nontenured teacher.

Tenured contracts approved were for Jeri Buchholz, Kimberly Witt, Marty Olson, Diana Steinmetz, Carol Dixon, Sherri Ruf, Cindy Sattler, Kathy Tacha, Carol Wasson and Sheila Jansonious for full-time positions and Keith Grafel, Jim

Buchholz, Terri Woolsey and Linda Glaze for part-time jobs.

Before approving the contracts, the board held three closed-door sessions totaling 25 minutes to talk about the teachers.

The board also held two 10 minute closed session for personnel to discuss the contract of Superintendent Pat Cullen, who is completing his first year. No decision was made.

With two vacancies at the high school after the resignations of football coach Trevor and his wife Tina, the board approved hiring Rachel Johnson and her husband Jacob as science and alternative classroom teachers. Mr. Johnson will be the high school football coach.

In other business, the board:

- Hired Pete Gierer from eastern Kansas, as the architect for renovation of the front entrance at the high school. Dr. Cullen

said Mr. Gierer was one of the architects he had talked with at a state school board meeting.

- Discussed getting a policy committee together to start working on updates.

- Agreed to not have classes on Thursday, May 8, at the junior/senior high because the district will be host for the Northwest Kansas League junior high track meet at 10 a.m. that day.

- Heard all evaluations for teachers and other certified staff have been completed and Dr. Cullen has checked each one.

- Talked about changing the well on the practice field from propane to electric power for \$6,000. No decision was made.

- Accepted the resignation of Steve Cullen, a fourth grade teacher, and board member Jerry Chambers as a part-time custodian.

Mr. Chambers was working for the

district, doing custodial work, before his appointment last month to fill a vacancy on the board.

Mr. Cullen, said President Dewayne Jackson, has been with the district a long time, and it will be sad to see him leave.

- Approved Mr. Jackson and Mr. Chambers as the board members to hand out diplomas at graduation. The board also approved having former Superintendent Kelly Glodt turn the tassel for his daughter, Heather Glodt, at graduation.

Dr. Cullen said he didn't care what the board decided about Dr. Glodt, but thought the board needed to be careful because not all parents get to do this. Member Chris Bailey said he thought people will understand. The job is normally done by the current superintendent. Mr. Glodt left last summer to take a job in Pierre, S.D.

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