

Staff re-hired at both schools and at office

The Oberlin School Board approved re-employment of staff members other than certified teachers and administrators at the district office, schools and the bus drivers during its meeting last Monday.

At Oberlin Elementary School, the board approved the continued employment of Carla Depperschmidt, secretary; Randy Walters and Kim Weishapl, custodians; Kala Bose, food service; Lisa Fortin, part-time library aide; and Jackie Anderson, Bryan Richards, Kelly Shields and Ana Wishon, teacher aides.

At the Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School, the board rehired Melissa Dreher and Judy Marietta, secretaries; Paul Corcoran, Carolyn Shirley and Lairy Goltl, custodians; Linda Weber, Penny Fringer, Donna Sauvage and Maureen Anderson, food service; and Lisa Fortin, part-time library aide.

Jeanne Pachner, Clara Russ, Dennis Agan, Lairy Goltl, David Olson, John Stanley, Patty Stapp and Chris Hardy were rehired as bus drivers.

The board also re-employed Vickie Lippelmann, board clerk; Pam Simonsson, secretary/treasurer; Ron Jansonius, technology coordinator; Terry Ream, outdoor maintenance supervisor; Brian Simonsson, transportation supervisor; Kenny Black, facilities and plant

School Roundup

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

- Approved sealing the track at the high school. Story below.
- Talked about two gifts that will benefit students. Story to come.
- Approved school calendar for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year, similar to this year's. Story on Page 1A.
- Rehired the staff for the district office, schools and the bus drivers. Story at left.

supervisor; and Johanna Mason, school nurse.

Board member Dan Wasson gave an update on the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He said they hope to have 400 students next year.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said he and high school counselor Brenda Breth are trying to see what entry-level English and math tests the college gives and then make sure those are in the curriculum for prospective students' senior year.

"That's a good idea," said Mr. Wasson.

Track to be sealed over the summer

The Oberlin School Board approved sealing the track at the high school during its meeting last Monday.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said the maintenance will include sealing the track, repainting the lines and fixing any cracks. He said the cost will be \$19,550 with Track Renovations out of Union Town, Kan. doing the job. They will also remove any unwanted vegetation, said Mr. Dorshorst.

A couple of years ago, said board member Dan Nedland, someone said, to save the track it would be a good idea to put concrete on the inside to keep the grass from invading the surface.

Grounds superintendent Terry Ream, said Mr. Dorshorst, does a really good job at keeping the grass out. Overall, said board member Dan Grafel, the track is in pretty good shape.

The board approved the contract.

Mr. Dorshorst said he had someone with Norton Glass look at the wall of windows in the high school cafeteria. The idea is to put a window in every third panel, instead of

having an entire wall of windows, he said. The project is estimated to cost around \$30,000.

There needs to be some brick work on the bottom half of the wall, he said. The estimated price doesn't include that, however.

Since the project is estimated to cost over \$20,000, said Mr. Dorshorst, the district needs to get bids.

He said he's met with John Nelson with Nelson Construction about the front steps at the high school. The board has been discussing possible repairs for years now, he said, and something has to be done. He said he thinks it will cost around \$14,000 to get rid of the steps and replace them with a ramp to the street.

The board has talked about the project before, but nothing has been done.

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Singers perform at school

AT THE GRADE SCHOOL on Monday, Katie Glading (above, from left), Samantha Anderson and Serena Stacy sang with the DCHS Singers. Matt Glading and Amanda Marshall (right) danced and sang during a number in the gym.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Parents support traveling summer ball teams

The Decatur County commissioners talked last Tuesday with some parents who are interested in having traveling ball teams for the summer instead of playing the same kids over and over.

Parents Gary Juenemann, Ron Diederich, Shelby Brown, Abby Hisson, Todd Cook and Greg Grafel all attended the meeting.

The commissioners agreed that it's up to the director and the players on how they want the program to work.

The previous week, commissioners heard from parents who didn't want their kids to travel for the ball program.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he heard from Joe Dreher, summer recreation director, who said he had found a four-wheeler to buy for \$650 to be used to drag the field. Mr. Dreher had said at the last meeting that he received \$500 from Midwest Energy for the project.

The other \$150 will come from the summer recreation budget.

The commissioners approved the purchase.

Chief Dispatcher Marilyn Mack said there was a power outage on Friday and the radios went down. All 911 calls had to be routed through Rawlins County.

Mrs. Mack said she talked with the computer person they've been using and an additional power supply would cost \$500.

The commissioners approved the purchase.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Accepted the resignation of Gwynn Ward as the Garfield Township treasurer and appointed Curtis Mizell to replace him.
- Held a 10-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege with the commissioners, county attorney and clerk. There was no action taken.
- OK'd opening the rest rooms at the courthouse for the Last Indian Raid Museum car show on Saturday, June 4.

• Decided not to fill out a credit agreement for Eagle Travel Stops and Convenience Stores at this time.

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Mayor to appoint members

Oberlin's mayor plans to appoint two people to fill open seats on the City Council during the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday night.

The appointees will finish out the terms left by Richard Kimble, who died in April, and Bill Riedel, who was elected mayor last month. Each appointment has to be approved by the council.

Administrator Karen Larson said David Blau, with Miller and Associates, will be there to give an update

on the water treatment plant.

Someone with Eagle Communications will talk about renewing the company's cable franchise agreement with the city.

Mrs. Larson said there will be an airport meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday upstairs at The Gateway and a Zoning Appeals Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

All the meetings are open to the public.