

New blood hired to teach at District 20

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District 20 board begins replacing teachers who have resigned.

Gothenburg school administrators have only one more teaching position to fill.

With several teacher resignations this semester, finding new staff to teach has been an administrative priority.

District 20 school board members approved the offering of contracts to four teachers at their Monday night meeting.

The new teachers are:

Ken Rigler of Callaway will teach industrial technology. Rigler has worked in a similar position in the Callaway Public Schools for 32 years and has 13 years experience as head football coach and 23 years of experience as a head wrestling coach. He will assist in both areas.

Bobbi Arnett, who is endorsed in elementary education and early childhood, will teach in Dudley Elementary. Arnett is originally from Hershey and completed her student teaching in the fall of 2009.

April Graham will also teach in the elementary. She has endorsements in elementary education and early childhood as well and currently teaches in the Yankton, SD, school system.

Julie Rickertsen, a native of Gothenburg, has been offered a half-time position teaching high-ability learners. Rickertsen previously taught junior high language arts and math in the district.

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Superintendent Mike Teahon said there will also be some reassignment of staff.

On another matter, the board gave a new art club the go-ahead to function next year following a presentation by art teacher Travis Coe and students Susan Dudley and Liz Matthies.

During other board action, members decided to buy a 10-passenger 2009 Chevrolet van from Pony Express Chevrolet for \$16,500.

Because of Nebraska Department of Education requirement, districts across the state must eliminate 15-passenger vans from their fleet because of safety issues by next summer.

The board also accepted a \$65,800 bid from Anderson Ladd for a center roll curtain and six backstops for the north gymnasium.

The company will install the equipment.

Following other construction discussion, the board approved the remodeling of the southwest entrance to Dudley Elementary for an estimated \$25,655.

Schlake Construction will create a weather-sealed vestibule and add two sets of doors with American With Disabilities Act automatic openers on one door in each set.

The doors were purchased from Platte Valley Glass of Lexington at a lower cost because they were ordered and not used by another customer.

An unused south exit will be removed and the inside vestibule drywalled and painted and cabinets installed.

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The cost of cabinets is not included in the remodel price.

Single pane windows will be replaced with double-pane.

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