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District 100R building.

Board decides to sell

former country school

The District 100R building, which school officials had hoped to utilize in some way when classes ended there, will be sold.

School children had attended the rural school, four miles north of town, for 53 years when the District 20 school board closed the building in 2008.

District 20 took over the building in 2006 when state legislation forced Class I schools to merge with K-12 districts.

The building was then used as a District 20 attendance center for two years until it was closed because of high maintenance costs and duplication of services.

At a noon meeting Monday, District 20 board members declared the property surplus and authorized superintendent Mike Teahon to dispose of the property.

“Potential uses were not feasible at this time and the property would fall into disrepair if it continued to be an abandoned building,” Teahon said.

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The superintendent and the board's facility committee had discussed several options such as accepting sealed bids for the building or having an auction but decided that selling it would be best.

Teahon said several organizations have indicated an interest in buying the building.

If board members are connected to any of the organizations, he said selling the building would be the better option.

In other action, the board hired Amy Harrison, a para educator in the school, as a part-time teacher to teach high ability learners.

Harrison is a recent graduate of Chadron State College.

To fill a school psychology position, the board will contract with Educational Service 11 of Holdrege for a year to evaluate the district's needs.

"And get the right person in place," said Dudley Elementary principal Teresa Messersmith, who also directs the school's special education program.

On another matter, the board introduced revisions to existing policies.

Upon final passage at the July 11 board meeting, students in the graduating Class of 2015 will need an additional science class to graduate.

Board members also discussed the district's penalty for school or van drivers who are convicted

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of driving under the influence or for reckless driving.

A policy suggestion would be to make it a 20-year suspension from driving but some board members thought that was too long.

Other policies introduced are available on the school's website at www.blog.gothenburg.k12.ne.us/districtoffice/meeting

agendas.

Summer projects under way or to start soon include dry wall work in the Community Building locker area and the cafeteria and Community Building renovation, the installation of a retaining wall on the track and elementary south playground, widening the performing arts center stage, replacing elementary exterior doors, irrigation installation of land gifted to the school and consideration of the school's heating and air conditioning service contract.

In other business, the board:

approved the following new extra-duty assignments. They are: Mary Clark, head volleyball; Tom Scott, head wrestling; Jillian Dowdy, assistant varsity track and assistant varsity cross country; Tom Scott and Jessie Kincheloe, assistant varsity football; Angela Abercrombie, assistant seventh grade volleyball; Ann Foster, head seventh grade volleyball; Chauncey Brown, assistant speech; Justin Dowdy, head seventh grade boys basketball; Preston Foster, assistant seventh grade boys basketball; Erin Feather, assistant play production; Lori Long, Quiz Bowl; Kressy Ristine and Tara Weaver, head varsity girls golf; Chantelle Krepcik, head cheerleading.

accepted option enrollment requests from sophomore Cameron Frazho and kindergartner Harlie Schram, both of Eustis-Farnam.

learned that preparations are being made for the school's Jump Start program for children

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entering kindergarten. The program will be offered July 18-Aug. 6.

Plans are also in place for the school to participate in a Project READERS program in which teachers will collaborate with professionals outside the district to support reading grades K-3 in smaller schools.

were told that Lori Long, Maggie Tiller and Kris Epke will offer an ACT prep class on Oct. 8 and 15 for \$30.

were informed that a new tardy policy will be added to the student handbook in which students late to class must report to the office and receive an hour detention.

heard that school officials are completing a survey of what recent GHS graduates in college think of the high school's academic offerings.

listened to Lindsey Tederman, who coordinates the Teammates mentoring program, present her yearly report.

Tederman said there are 33 matches of adults with fifth graders—the largest ever in the 10-year history of the program in Gothenburg.

For more information about the program, which still seeks mentors, Tederman can be reached at 537-2965.

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