

Student fees, parental involvement policies pass at Dist. 20 board meeting

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A policy on fees charged to students and ways parents can be involved in the school system passed Monday night with nary a peep from the public.

Following the public hearings,

in which no one from the public spoke, the District 20 board re-affirmed the district's policies on student fees and parental involvement.

The student fees policy outlines maximum fees that may be charged to students and the kinds of supplies and materials they are expected to provide.

Students who wish to have particular fees waived can submit a waiver application to the superintendent's office.

Parental involvement defines the process parents must follow when reviewing textbooks and curriculum, visiting classrooms, issuing complaints and more.

Dr. Mike Teahon, superintendent, noted that the district received a state award two years ago that was based on the volunteerism of parents.

Both policies can be found on the school's website at www.gothenburg.k12.ne.us.

In other action, the board transferred \$100,000 from the general fund into the depreciation fund to help pay for the new roof on the Community Building and other items.

\$20,000, instead of \$15,000 as in the past, was put into the activities fund to pay for new

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football helmets.

Teahon said enrollment has increased to 60 or more in the football program.

\$25,000 was placed into the lunch fund as the district implements changes in the program.

In other business, the board:

approved the optioning in of Brady students Kade Cox, a first grader, and Megan Cox, a third grader.

designated Teahon to serve as district representative for federal and state programs during 2012-13.

set Aug. 29, at 5:30 p.m., as the time board members will meet to put together the 2012-13 budget.

Members of the local police, fire, emergency medical and county emergency management departments will meet with school officials on Aug. 29 to review the safe school plan.

heard that data from NeSA tests taken the past year was released from the Nebraska Department of Education to schools Monday. The public will learn of the results on Tuesday, Aug. 21. The state-of-the-schools report will be released in October or November.

The board also learned that teachers are learning how to use data during in-service sessions this week.

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were told that concussion testing for football, volleyball and softball athletes continues this year and that Gothenburg will host girls golf and one-act plays for Southwest Conference this year.

were informed that minor landscaping and bench placement is left on a project in front of the west kindergarten entrances that enlarged the area for students and parents.

Angled parking and sidewalk on Avenue I, in front the school, will be completed by Thursday with parking lot striping slated for the end of August.

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