

School board reorganization tops Monday meeting agenda

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Scott France once more elected president

If Scott France was tired of presiding over District 20 school board meetings, he gave no indication Monday night.

Fellow board members unanimously re-elected France as president, and he accepted, to a fifth term at their monthly meeting.

France has served as president since 2009.

The six-member board also elected secretary Nate Wyatt to the vice president position. Lisa Geiken will take over as secretary.

Others re-appointed to positions were district business manager Kay Streeter as board secretary and Randy Waskowiak of First State Bank as treasurer.

Committee assignments (see box) were also announced by superintendent Dr. Mike Teahon.

| ACADEMICS & ACTIVITIES | |
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| Athletic director Seth Ryker correlated grade point averages (GPA) of seniors with the number of activities in which they participate and found that grades improve the more students are involved. | |
| No. of activities | GPA |
| 1 (16 students)..... | 2.95 |
| 2 (11 students)..... | 3.43 |
| 3 (10 students)..... | 3.43 |
| 0 (21 students)..... | 2.5 |

On another matter, the board extended Teahon's superintendent contract for another three years. The contract now expires on June 30, 2016.

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Board members also discussed, but took no action, on a potential change in school policy regarding mobile devices that are becoming more prevalent.

Teahon said student use of personal laptops and tablets is not addressed in policy while cell phones, pagers and iPods are. The latter three may be confiscated and students required to serve detention since they are not allowed in school.

A policy regarding the use of these devices will be discussed during a summer review, he said.

The board also discussed the 2013-14 school calendar.

School is proposed to start Aug. 15 and end May 20 with the last day determined by dismissals during the year for snowstorms or tournaments.

Because of the Nebraska State Activities Association calendar, the district's calendar will also roll back. Commencement is scheduled also a week later, on May 18.

Board members will approve the calendar at the Feb. 11 meeting.

Special education director and K-2 principal Theresa Messersmith presented the annual special education report to the board.

Messersmith explained the referral process, financial information and numbers of students in the program.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEES ASSIGNED

Committee assignments for District 20 board members were announced at Monday's board meeting.

Members of the board are Scott France, Jon Hudson, Meta Wyatt, Amber Burge, Lisa Gekken and Jeremy Storus.

Standing committees are:
Personnel/negotiations—Wyatt, chair, Burge and Gekken.
Transportation and facilities—

Hudson, chair; France and Storus.
Finance—Gekken, chair; Hudson and Storus.
Curriculum/American/Arts—Burge, chair; Wyatt and France.
Policy review—Storus, chair; Hudson.

Appointed committees are:
GPS foundation—Wyatt.
Legislative representative—Burge.
Safe Schools—Cullen.

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