

Brady school ready for new conference

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When the 2014-15 school year begins, Brady Public Schools will likely be part of a new activities conference.

The Sandhills Conference, of which Brady school is a member, is expected to merge with the Loup Valley Sandhills Conference.

At their May 13 meeting, Brady school board members agreed to join the conference as more details are worked out, according to Andy Seamann, Brady activities director.

Besides Brady, the Sandhills Conference now includes Arthur County, Cody-Kilgore, Hyannis, Mullen, Sandhills/Thedford and Stapleton/McPherson County.

Schools in the Loup Valley Conference are South Loup (Callaway and Arnold), Twin Loup (Sargent/Loup County), Ansley/Litchfield, Arcadia, Anselmo Merna, Sandhills/Thedford and Mullen.

On another matter, the board voted to pay several teachers \$25 an hour for working on a Check for Learning Project.

Check for Learning is a database developed by the Nebraska Department of Education that needs educators to provide sample questions for the database which align with NsEA test standards.

Last summer, teachers provided questions dealing with science, reading and math and met at the beginning of the school year to review what they'd written.

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Sample test questions are still needed for the database.

The database is used to prepare students for NsEA testing and can be used by schools with staff who participated in the project.

Six teachers worked with an Educational Service Unit 16 educator on May 15 with each of them putting in four hours.

The board also approved the purchase of football uniforms and girls basketball jerseys partly because 33 boys plan to go out for football and there aren't enough uniforms.

The Talon Booster Club will pay \$1,500 for each sport toward the uniforms

Football coach Andy Seamann said the new jerseys will be of higher quality and should last longer than what they have now.

Board members also hired Gerald Hannon as the school custodian.

Hannon will be paid \$9 an hour.

Board members were also brought up to date on what the Brady School Foundation is doing.

Foundation members are planning activities during Brady Days and will give any profit from Red Hats Cookbook sales to the foundation. The foundation has \$9,899.

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The board also went into an approximate 45-minute closed session to discuss personnel. No action was taken upon reconvening.

In other business, the board:

granted a request that a tree be planted at the school in memory of Colten Gentry, Conner Gentry and Elaine Grasz who were killed in a vehicle collision last fall.

approved changes in the parent/student handbook and first reading of a board policy that provides a new job description of the activities director.

learned that the school is nearly 4% under budget. Porter noted that officials will still need to keep an eye on spending this summer to pay off debt.

became aware that damage to the Brady Get-n-Go from a bus being backed into a garage will cost \$411 to fix.

Because the Get-n-Go owners would rather have cash, the claim won't be turned into insurance and money will be taken from the school's general fund.

found out that the curriculum committee will change the new teacher mentor program from two to three years and that the elementary science curriculum is being upgraded.

looked into the possibility of hiring a junior/senior high math teacher but took no action.

took a personality color test online which ranks personality by color.

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