

Routine business discussed at Wauneta-Palisade School Board meeting Monday

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The regular April meeting of the Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools Board, held Monday night, seemed almost uneventful after the controversy and tough decisions made at a recent meetings.

Much of the meeting focused on what could be considered “regular” business of the board. The two discussion items requiring the greatest amount of discussion were review of bids received for refinishing the gym floor and transfer of funds into the general account.

Superintendent Randy Geier presented the board with three bids received for the work needed to be done to refinish the gym floor in Wauneta.

After discussion, the board decided to accept the \$3,500 bid from Hart Floors in Doniphan, Nebr. Hart’s bid came in slightly above the other two bids, however after being dissatisfied with work done to the floor last year, the board decided to go with a company they know and trust. “We know what we got from Hart, we know what we’re going to get,” said Geier.

Fund transfer

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The longest discussion at the meeting entailed rationale for and the ultimate decision to transfer \$180,000 from the school's CDs to the general fund, a flexible CD.

As explanation for the need to transfer funds Geier informed the board that the school has only received tax receipts from two of the district's four counties, totalling a little over \$54,000. He told the board receipts from the other two counties were expected shortly, but there was no guarantee.

Geier told the board that in order to prepare for the school's expenses it would be necessary to prepare by transferring funds. The board felt that although there will most likely be a penalty for withdrawing funds from the CD early, it was the best decision for the school at this point. They also stated a transfer such as this was not unusual when tax receipts were delayed.

The board's discussion included interest in building up the Flex CD with funds that would be readily available when the school needs them to cover expenses.

During the discussion of funds transfer, Geier also filled the board in on other financial concerns of the district.

He indicated having conversations with the teachers within the district regarding curriculum needs for the upcoming year.

He reported that, "We're set up pretty good right now on curriculum needs." Geier indicated he had conversations with the teachers at meetings where most indicated they were comfortable with where the school is concerning curriculum. He said a couple of teachers had requested new books, but that they were comfortable waiting a year to purchase the books.

Geier also stated he had asked teachers to "check and double-check" what supplies were needed for next year before completing their requests. He said, "The teachers have been great," throughout the process of balancing school needs with budgetary concerns.

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Other business

The school board voted to recognize the Parents and Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) as a school partner. They noted the organization is very energetic and has already done big things for the school, including raising \$580 for the district at their soup supper.

Geier told the board the group kicked in and did some great things for the school last fall and that the school needs to think of ways it can work together with the P.T.O.

The board also voted to provide emergency transportation to Imperial in case of a major emergency. The request was made to Geier by Heidi Wheeler.

The school board hopes to engage in a technology audit which will assess both hardware and software needs within the schools and possibly ways to network the two sites together. The board will request proposals for the technology audit.

The next regular meeting of the school board will be Monday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. MT/ 7:00 p.m. CT in Wauneta.