

School Board moves forward with technology upgrades

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The Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools Board voted to move forward with needed technology upgrades at the June meeting held Monday, June 10. The upgrades will improve the technology infrastructure at both the Wauneta and Palisade Attendance Centers.

The board heard initial estimates at their May meeting when they reviewed results of a technology audit performed by the Educational Service Unit (ESU) 15 and 20/20 Tech of McCook.

The findings of the audit suggested seven core upgrades to their technology infrastructure. Monday night, the school board voted to approve estimates to perform the seven needed upgrades for a maximum cost of \$35,000.

School board member Allison Sandman stated this expenditure will benefit all students in grades K-12.

It is unclear where the money for the upgrades will be pulled from the school's resources. Superintendent Randy Geier stated he would like to research possible grant funding.

Board members emphasized they would like to avoid using funds from the building fund if possible in order to keep a reserve to repair or replace the boiler at the Palisade Attendance Center.

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School lunch price increase

Board members also approved a \$0.15 cost increase for all school lunches and breakfasts for the 2013-14 school year.

With the raise, school lunch prices will now be \$2.15 for elementary students, \$2.50 for junior/senior high students and \$3.40 for adults. Breakfast prices will increase to \$2.00.

The school board commented on the kitchen staff's fiscal efficiency in making quality meals, almost all made from scratch.

Board member Bill Bischoff said he was impressed when he was in the school kitchen one day when beef and noodles were on the menu and the kitchen staff was making noodles from scratch.

Superintendent Randy Geier also emphasized that all produce is purchased locally to avoid spoilage.

Resignations accepted

In other business, the school board accepted the resignation from Kathryn Pruter effective immediately. In her letter of resignation Pruter stated she will be teaching at a high school in

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Cheyenne, Wyo., next year.

Geier also informed the board that Jenny Sramek resigned from her kitchen position in Palisade. Geier stated the district will advertise for a new assistant cook later this summer.

NeSA scores appealed

During his principal's report Troy Holmberg informed the board the district had appealed two of the NeSA writing assessment scores, but that the scores stayed the same.