

## **School board discusses options for boys' basketball next year**

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### **The Wauneta Breeze**

The Wauneta-Palisade School Board met Monday, March 10 for their regular meeting. The only action item on this month's agenda was a discussion of the 2014-15 boys basketball season.

Although there is still plenty of time to make a decision, the board wanted to begin the discussion now. The school projects the boys basketball team will be lean next year, with between six and nine boys out for the sport.

Board members discussed several options to adapt to the small numbers expected next year. Options discussed included playing a varsity or junior varsity only schedule or cooping with another school for a year.

Although board members came to no decision during the meeting, they expressed that it was probably not worth the extra transportation and uniform expense to coop with another school for one year's time. They anticipate the number of players will be back up for the 2015-16 school year.

Board members asked Superintendent Randy Geier to talk to Coach Dave Kuhlen for his thoughts on the matter and plan to revisit the discussion later.

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### **Surplus property**

At the Feb. 26 special meeting board members discussed possibly sending surplus property to the Fanning Auction Service machinery consignment auction on March 22.

The conversation was spurred by a request from a community member to purchase the old score boards in Palisade. After looking through surplus property it was determined that the old Palisade score boards had already been sold last year at auction. However, board members decided to send other surplus property to the March 22 auction. Surplus property to be sent to the auction included old tables, chairs, 10 bus tires, an old weight machine, football scoreboard and possibly some extra air conditioning units. They were going to look for additional surplus property that could be taken to the sale.

Board member Bill Bischoff informed the board that Mark Fanning, owner of Fanning Auction Service, told him there would be no charge for selling the items on the sale. Fanning offered to waive his normal commission for the school since he is an alumni.

### **Superintendent's report**

Superintendent Geier told the board the school's flex CD with a balance of \$383,662.15 is up on March 28. He told board members he met with Brenda Anderson at Valley Bank and Trust in Wauneta regarding the CD last week. No decision was made regarding the CD. The board asked Geier to look into other options available that may provide more flexibility and possibly a higher interest rate.

Geier told board members the school's schedule is filling up. District speech will be held in

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Perkins County next week. He noted there are 12 members of the speech team this year and complemented Mrs. Noler and Ms. Hayes on their work with the team.

Other events on the horizon include County Government Day on March 24, RPAC Instrumental Day on March 25, Quizbowl and Interhigh Day on March 26.

He also noted the girls basketball team represented the school very well at the state competition. He said this is the sixth time in the past 10 years the girls basketball team has qualified for state.

The last item on Geier's report to the board was to tell them that at a recent conference meeting it was decided to extend invitations to join the conference to neighboring schools. Board members noted it is possible to join more than one conference.

### **Principal's report**

Elementary Principal Roger Reikofski provided board members with an update from a recent professional learning community conference he attended in Phoenix, Ariz. He said the conference focused on educators talking about what they are doing in their respective schools and sharing ideas. He also noted that fourth grade teacher Jennifer DeWester attended a similar conference locally on Monday.

Reikofski told board members student enrollment continues to climb. He said the district received two new enrollments last week and expects another this week.

He also told board members WP students who represented the school at the recent spelling bee in Culbertson competed very well.

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While in Lincoln for girls state basketball Reikofski stopped by the Nebraska Department of Education to visit with representatives of the Title I and special education programs. He said the conversations he had were positive and NDE staff members indicated WP is on the right track with both programs.

### **Executive session**

The school board closed their regular meeting to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 6:31 p.m. MT. They returned from executive session at 6:58 p.m. MT.

The next regular meeting of the Wauneta-Palisade School Board is currently set for Monday, April 14. The board had not set a time for the meeting at the time this story was published.