Dist. 20 will lease foundation property, pay for taxes, improvements.

A dollar a year.

That's what District 20 will pay annually to lease a parcel of land southeast of the school campus.

At a noon meeting Monday, board members approved an agreement between the district and Gothenburg Public Schools Foundation that spells out how the property will be leased.

The land, which used to house a mobile home court, was bought by the foundation after an anonymous donation.

Superintendent Mike Teahon said the district has hired Gary Garner to grade, fill and level the property. Ground cover will then be planted.

With the addition of a sprinkler system, the cost is estimated at $20,000 to $25,000.

As a tenant, the district will also pay property taxes and assessments.

The board's facilities committee will continue to meet with entities that own surrounding property—the Gothenburg Baseball Association which has Legion Field to the north and officials from the city that owns the four-plex to the east and swimming pool and land north of the baseball field.

Teahon said they want to collaborate on ideas about community uses of the new property.

Board member and foundation committee member Nate Wyatt described acquisition of the property by the foundation as major.

“It will be a good asset to the community,” Wyatt said.

On a personnel matter, Angela Abercrombie was hired to teach special education primarily in the junior and senior high school.

Abercrombie, a McCook native and University of Nebraska at Kearney graduate, student taught and was a para educator for Lexington Public Schools.

On another matter, the board was told that school lunch prices need to be raised because the program is not paying for itself.

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