

Long-term school subs to get pay raise

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Policy passed dealing with child abuse

Teachers who substitute teach on a long-term basis will get \$10 more pay daily during the 2012-13 school year.

At their Monday night meeting, District 20 school board members raised pay from \$130 to \$140 for long-term teachers.

Pay for short-term subs remained the same at \$100 daily.

Superintendent Dr. Mike Teahon compared the district's rates for substitute teachers to others in the Southwest Conference.

Average pay at SWC schools is \$92.50 for short-term subs and \$139.68 for substitutes who teach longer.

On another matter, the board approved a revised policy dealing with the reporting of child abuse and neglect.

Teahon said the policy stems from the scandal at Penn State where Jerry Sandusky was convicted of abusing young boys.

"The Dawson County attorney's office has taken a more direct stance on the statute than the school attorneys, indicating that everybody is subject to the reporting requirements," he said.

Current policy directed school staff to report to the principal who was then required to report to

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authorities.

Now, professionals and others report to authorities if they have reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused.

“The county attorney’s office does not believe that anyone can comply with the law by only reporting to a supervisor,” Teahon said.

In other action, board members reviewed the amount of money—\$18,211—collected through student fees during the past school year.

Money is collected for such things as activity tickets, organization projects and supplies, driver’s education, science fair and Spanish.

A hearing about the student fees policy is set for the Aug. 13 board meeting.

In other business, the board:

accepted an enrollment request from Clara Evert of Brady, a kindergartner, who wants to enroll in the district.

acknowledged that the Gothenburg Public School system has been accredited by the State Accreditation Committee from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012.

The action allows the district to teach, promote students and to draw upon and spend tax funds.

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approved 2012-13 handbooks for elementary, junior and senior high students, faculty, non-certified employees, coaches and evaluation instruments for non-certified staff, administrators and the superintendent.

The handbooks were discussed at the June board meeting.

learned that the temporary roof should be installed over the Community Building this week and that striping of the school parking lots will be done some weekend before school starts.

Completed summer projects include lighting outside the Community Building and gym lighting inside, installation of north gym wall pads, the purchase of a Grasshopper mower, elementary classroom signage, elementary gym and classroom lighting, installation of a water heater/circulation pump, repair of lower elementary bathrooms, elementary painting and installation of Community Building entryway flooring and drop ceiling.

heard that the Jump Start preschool program, with 45 youngsters, and elementary summer school, with 64 students, are in full swing.

Thirty high school students took credit recovery classes in June and 15 received credit.

heard that schedules for elementary teachers and special education staff will include at least a 30-minute intervention block for reading and math students.

were informed that the district will host district Class D volleyball and Class C softball and golf meets and that Dr. Jay Matzke will conduct concussion awareness and training for coaches.

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