

School board on board for traffic safety study

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The safety of students in the drop-off and pick-up area of Dudley Elementary has been a concern for years.

As a result, the District 20 school board agreed to pay a consulting firm \$24,433 to do a traffic engineering study of the area.

Benesch & Company of Lincoln will count students and traffic volume, look at existing traffic control devices and loading and unloading procedures, review crash data, identify areas of improvement and make recommendations.

Superintendent Mike Teahon said the study is an outgrowth of the Gothenburg Improvement Company's "Safe Routes to School" committee that seeks ways to get students to and from school safely.

On another matter, the board also chose a low bid of \$43,400 to replace aging bleachers on the north side of the track.

CBS Constructors of McCook was hired to demolish the existing bleachers and install new ones.

Other bids were from Heartland Seating of Shawnee, KS, for \$49,995 and Sterling West of Gothenburg for \$54,681.

The board also approved extended contracts to 68 teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.

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Renewal contracts were recommended by principals.

In other business, the board

decided not to install duct sock systems as part of the installation of new heating and air conditioning in the Community Building.

discussed a policy about allowing for staff to telecommute or work at the school and from an off-site office. The board made no decision.

approved option enrollment requests for kindergarteners Addison Evert, Grace Evert and Samuel Winter and juniors Jewel Gonzalez and Jorge Trevino, all of Brady, to come into or stay in District 20.

Requests were also granted for Bridget Patterson, eighth grade, and Jordan Patterson, fifth grade, to transfer to Cozad Public Schools.

were informed that detentions are down 13 students from last year and those attending Saturday School because of discipline issues has dropped six students.

learned that the English department is discussing changing the structure and sequence of classes.

were told spring sport numbers are up with 47 girls and 47 boys out for high school track and 24 boys wanting to play golf.

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watched a parliamentary procedure demo by the FFA.

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