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Student Registration

Packets with registration information and forms were mailed to each student household the first of August. If you did not receive this information or are new to the district, call the superintendent's office 641-466-3510 if you would like one sent. Or, come to registration on Monday, August 16 from noon to 7 p.m. at the high school.

After the 16th you can register at any of our buildings. Phone numbers are as follows: Jr-Sr High (grades 7-12) 641-466-3331; Intermediate (grades 4-6) 641-534-4701; Primary (grades PreK-3) 641-942-6216.

Athletic Parent & Athlete Meeting

On August 30th, Southeast Warren Athletic Department will be hosting a parent-athlete meeting at 7:30 PM in the high school gym following the open house. All parents and athletes in grades 7-12 are required to attend. Any parent or athlete who does not attend will have to meet with the principal & athletic director before the athlete will be permitted to participate in any athletic events.

Topics will include sportsmanship, parent & coach communication, and several other areas still to be determined. There will also be several guest speakers.

Chuck Jones, Southeast Warren Athletic Director

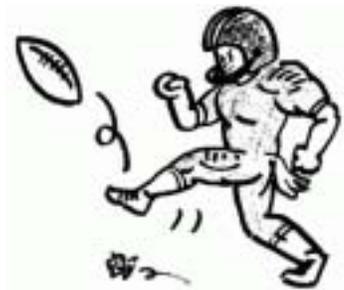
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Athletics Kickoff & Alumni Football

Friday, August 27
Lacona Football Field

- Hog Roast & Concessions by Athletic Boosters, 5:30 p.m.
- High School team scrimmage
- Alumni Football Game, 7:30 p.m.
Green Machine ('60-98)
vs. White Fighters ('99-'04)
contact Matt Oliver 641-942-6681



- Admission \$2.00, no passes. Proceeds benefit SEW Athletic Boosters and SEW Scholarship Foundation

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From the Superintendent's Desk...
Carl Reno

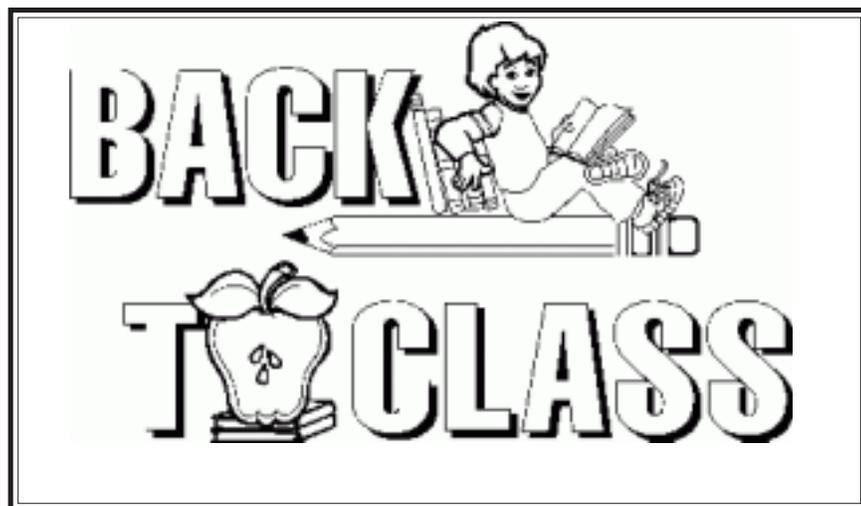
It has been 14 years since I last wrote an update for then, the "Squawker." During this absence some major changes have occurred – new buildings, a lot of new staff, and some familiar faces, but there still remain some old problems. Declining enrollment has continued and causes much anguish for the Board of Education to continue good programs. More data will be available after school reopens this fall.

The Board of Education has 4 major goals for the 2004-05 school year, and are as follows:

- (1) Review discipline policies K-12 as well as bus riding discipline procedures. Much needs to be done to develop a K-12 policy that is consistent & enforceable.
- (2) Promote higher student achievement – academic testing has shown a great need to improve our scores. The Board of Education is aware of the need and will be implementing a K-12 reading program this year. Quality schools have high expectations for all students.
- (3) Promotion of greater school-community relations. Because of some negative occurrences, the Board of Education will implement ways to promote the positive aspects of our district. There are many and we ask you to become involved in this process by visiting our schools to see our programs so you can counteract any negativism.
- (4) Lastly, but by far the greatest concern, is sportsmanship at our extra-curricular activities. We ranked last in the 12-team conference rating this last year. Needless to say, this must improve. A new board policy has been initiated for implementation immediately. This policy has zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike behavior at any school sponsored event. Any deviation from this policy will result in losing the privilege to attend events until Board of Education reinstatement. We ask that the community help the district become a class act in losing as well as winning.

We welcome any comments about these goals and invite you to visit with administration about the intent. We look forward to a productive school year by meeting or exceeding the printed goals.

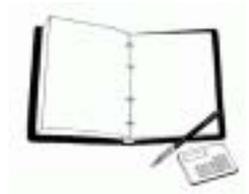
CB Reno, Interim Superintendent



Junior High Supply List

1. 3-inch binder with front & back covers
2. 8 dividers and 1 folder or 8 folders (need holes punched out of folders)
3. Notebook or loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
4. Black/Blue pens (no gel pens or white-out pens)
5. Pencils
6. One 6 x 9" Steno notebook for English, (with the spiral on top)
7. A red checking pen
8. Colored pencils
9. Pencil case that fits in binder
10. Optional:
 - Glue
 - 3-hole punch that fits in binder
 - Clear paper protector sheets

Planners and grade recording sheets will be provided for the students.



High School Science Class Supply List

Specific high school science classes will need the following items:

Physical Science - Calculator recommended

Chemistry - Scientific calculator

Anatomy & Physiology - 3 pkg. 3x 5" notecards.
Box of approximately 50 colored pencils

Physics - Scientific calculator

Thank You!

I wish to express my thanks to the Southeast Warren School District for giving me the honor of teaching and coaching in this school district. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I will never forget any of my students or athletes. I am continuing my career in the great state of Oklahoma. I am sure you will all still see me around because all of my family live around here.

Teresa Schneider

*From your Intermediate Principal...
Cindy Butler*

Welcome to a new school year at the Intermediate Center! I am excited about this coming year and working with the wonderful students, hard working teachers, and great parents we have in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. We will have an exciting year with many wonderful learning experiences!

I will be available all day during registration and I hope you introduce yourself and your child if we haven't met. My door is always open and I really want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My school number is 534-4701 and my e-mail is cbutler@se-warren.k12.ia.us.

4th Grade Orientation - Open House - Book Fair

This year the 4th grade orientation and Intermediate Center Open House will be combined into one evening, Tuesday, August 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. All students may bring supplies to put in their desks - this will cut down on the weight of the back pack on the first day of school. Parents and students may ask questions of the teachers and the principal. This will be a great opportunity for 4th graders and all new students to see their classroom, get familiar with the layout of the building and meet their teachers before beginning the first day of school.



As an added attraction, the Partners in Education (PIE) will host a Scholastic Book Fair on the night of Open House. The book fair will be held in the Intermediate Center library from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. In addition to open house night, the book fair will be open a couple of days during the week for your convenience. Let's start off the year reading!

PIE

Our Partners in Education Committee (PIE) is actively involved in the life of the school with financial support and the planning of social days and fun activities to complement our programs (especially reading and character education). Watch the weekly newsletter for times and locations of meetings. Baby-sitting is provided and I encourage everyone to get actively involved with this great organization.

Volunteers or Mentors

We are always looking for volunteers. Students and teachers benefit from the efforts of those special people who offer to spend some of their time with students. Volunteers often help individual students with special projects, listen to students read, or share their special expertise with an entire class. The schedule is very flexible. Some volunteers give a few hours a week while some contribute a few hours a year. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to volunteer your services or are interested in mentoring a preschool through 12th grader in the Southeast Warren Community Schools, please call the office at 534-4701 and we will put you to work.

Cindy Butler, Intermediate Principal

Scholarship Foundation

The Southeast Warren Scholarship Foundation would like to thank everyone who supported us and made our July 4th breakfast a success. A special thank you to the S.E.W. seniors for a job well done. Thank you for all of your help.

The Scholarship Foundation is looking for a couple of new members. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please contact a Foundation member. Members are as follows: Duane Ohnemus, John Dittmer, Joanne Spear, Ann Konrad, Lila Konrad, Connie Penick, Don Mitchell, Pat Meade, Ron Konrad, Pauline Ripperger, Edith Heemstra, Larry Snuggs, Janice Goode, Karen Reynolds, Edra Bechtel, Dennis Oliver, Terri Lamb, Thelma Westerly, and Barb Ripperger. You may also contact the Superintendent or Luann Ohnemus at the High School.

School Supply Drive for Southeast Warren

The Milo & Lacona offices of Peoples Savings Bank are sponsoring a drive for school supplies that will be donated to students/classrooms at the SE Warren Schools. A collection box will be in the lobby of each office for donations.

Possible donations include: boxes of kleenex, washable markers, colored pencils, gluesticks, rulers, scissors, erasers, pencils, pens, colors, scotch tape, post-it notes, bandaids, single subject notebooks, and single sheet notebook paper.

Thank you for your help with this worthwhile project. Your donation is very appreciated.

*Submitted by
Becky Keeney, Milo Branch Mgr.
Janet Smith, Lacona Branch Mgr.*

Lacona Library Can Drive

The Lacona Public Library will be having a can drive Saturday, Sept. 11th from 10:30-11:30. Cans may be brought to the park or put out on the curb. For pick-up, call 534-3161.

Submitted by Mary Mitchell

From your Primary Principal...

Charlotte Weaklend

Reading Superstars!

Congratulations to our second and third grade students who reached Super and Advanced Readers for our Accelerated Reading Program. These children have worked extremely hard, and we are proud of their accomplishments!!

*Submitted by
the Second and Third Grade Teachers*

Welcome to the 2004-2005 school year! With the change in interim part-time superintendents and the added reporting required by the state for the No Child Left Behind legislation, the 2003-2004 school year as well as this summer has been a very busy time for the principals in all three buildings.

Reading and student behavior will be the driving topics for teacher inservice for the 2004-2005 school year. We have hired an expert in the field of behavior to meet with our teachers on August 19th. School improvement consultants from Area Education Agency 11 will be presenting research-driven reading strategies to PK-12 teachers on the 20th. Throughout the school year more strategies will be introduced, with teachers given time to collaborate in their buildings and document implementation of those strategies to be turned into the principals with feedback provided individually and at building staff meetings.

Elementary remedial reading and math summer classes are scheduled for the weeks of August 2nd and August 9th. Twenty-five students are currently enrolled in those classes, which will give those students a good jumpstart to a new academic year. We at S.E. Warren take very seriously research that indicates that the typical student requires up to nine weeks at the beginning of each academic school year in the traditional school calendar to catch up academically with the skills they exhibited at the close of the preceding academic year. In the elementary grade levels, students are encouraged to read or be read to on a regular basis throughout their summer vacation, visit the public libraries often, and spend quality time with their parents away from the distractions of TV and video games. While students need fun time, vacation from school should not be a vacation from all learning.



We are excited about our new mail-in registration opportunity for busy parents. All the information is being sent out via US mail to families in early August this year. For those who wish to register their child/children in person, we will be at the high school on August 16th from noon to 7:00 p.m. to take registrations, answer questions, and welcome new children to the district.

Once again, everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to come in and see our beautiful new facilities at our annual Open House to be held from 7:00 through 8:00 p.m. on August 31st in the Primary Center. All of the rooms will be open and teachers will be available to greet visitors. At 7:45 p.m., interested parents may join me in the media center for a quick review of the student handbook and to have any questions about the upcoming school year answered.

Our first meeting for the new school year of the Children First Forum, Southeast Warren's very important school improvement committee, will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the high school. All community members are urged to attend this organizational meeting for the 2004-2005 school year. Even if you've never served on a school committee before, your input in the school improvement process is desired and valued. See you there!

Charlotte Weaklend, Primary Principal

SUPER READER I

Tessa Christensen
Cameron Hertzler
Brian Jimenez
Sarah Martin
JC Northway
Haley Seuferer

Ashlyn Dowell
Carter Horton
Tiffany Mason
Taylor Mills
Allisa Quick
Lauren Wilson

SUPER READER II

Mitchell Anders
Coltyn Hunter
Brendan Peterson
Addison Spear
Alli Wilson

Madison Beck
Andy Johnson
Christina Shepherd
Alex VanHove

SUPER READER III

Katie Konrad
Bobbi Lawton
Destini Miller
Amy Williams

Colbi Hunter
Dana Martin
Amanda Williams
Bret Yeggy

SUPER READER IV

Austin Agan
Preston Carruthers
Hillary Gardner
Tyson Herold
Joe Johnson

SUPER READER V

Megan Cleveland
Madi Hall
Kacey Konrad

Kane Ellenwood
Collin Judkins

SUPER READER VI

Aaron Coffman
Celeste Welshons

Carrie Neer

SUPER READER VII

Gabriel Combs
Jonie Meling

Zachary Hart

SUPER READER IX

Robert Stickel

SUPER READER X

Kaylee Miller

ADVANCED READER

Dallas Stanger

ADVANCED READER IV

Amy Koenck



Southeast Warren K-6 Supply List

Primary Supplies

Primary Resource Room

- 1 large box tissues
- 1 bottle of glue
- 2 pencils
- 1 big eraser
- 1 box of crayons

Preschool/ECSE

- 1 school bag
- 1 box tissue
- 1 3-ring binder
- 1 coloring book
- 1 box of baggies

Kindergarten

- 2 4 oz. bottles Elmer's Glue All (No blue glue please)
 - 1 large box tissues
 - 1 large bath towel
 - 1 regular sized dish pan
 - 1 large paint shirt with short sleeves
 - 1 box 8 small Crayola Crayons & 1 box 16 Crayola Crayons
 - 1 pair Fiskar scissors
 - 1 pencil box (plastic lasts longer)
 - 2 sharpened plain regular sized pencils
 - 1 pocket folder
 - 1 school bag
 - 1 box non permanent markers
- For art class:
- 1 16-ct box Crayola crayons
 - 2 sharpened pencils
 - 1 pair of scissors

First Grade

- 4 pencils #2 lead
 - 2 pink erasers
 - 1 box of 16 Crayola Crayons
 - 1 4 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue All
 - 1 large box tissues
 - 1 school bag
 - 2 plastic pocket folders
 - 1 pair scissors
 - 1 pencil box
 - 1 dry eraser
 - 2 dry erase markers
- Art supplies below

Locker space and desk space is limited. Large sizes, unless otherwise specified, do not fit well. Primary: If you are purchasing a new backpack this year, we suggest no larger than 11 1/2" x 18". A separate plastic shopping bag could carry extra outerwear.

Please place names on items, and remember to replenish your child's supplies as needed. Thanks!

Second Grade

- 12 #2 pencils (no mechanical)
 - 1 large eraser (no shapes)
 - 1 4 oz. Elmer's Glue All
 - 1 large box tissues
 - 1 box 16 or 24-count crayons (no 64-count boxes please)
 - 1 box colored pencils
 - 4 pocket folders - red, green, yellow & blue
 - 1 pair scissors (with points)
 - 1 pencil box (small)
 - 2 wide lined spiral notebooks
 - 3 black dry erase markers (Optional)
- (No trapper keepers please. No markers or pens please)
- Art supplies below

Third Grade

- 3 durable pocket folders
 - 1 big eraser
 - 1 pair scissors
 - 1 small pencil box
 - 1 package wide-lined paper
 - 12 pencils
 - 1 small box of crayons
 - 1 small bottle of glue
 - 1 wide lined spiral notebook, 70-100 ct.
 - 1 large box tissues
- (No trapper keepers please)
- Art supplies below

For Primary Art Grades 1-3

- 1 8-count box non permanent markers
- 2 sharpened pencils
- 1 pair of scissors

Intermediate Supplies

Intermediate Resource Room

- 1 large box tissues
 - 6 pencils
 - 2 folders
 - 1 red pencil/pen
 - 1 large eraser
 - 3 spiral notebooks side-lined, 80 pages
- (All other grade level supplies)

Fourth Grade

- 6 #2 pencils
- 1 red pen
- 1 big eraser
- 1 pkg. wide lined paper (no spiral)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 small box of crayons
- 1 large boxes tissues
- 1 3 ring binder (2" or larger)
- 1 pkg. 8 or more tabbed dividers
- 1 pair scissors (optional)

Fifth Grade

- 6 #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 blue or black pens
- 2 one subject wide lined spiral notebook
- 1 set of colored pencils
- 1 pkg. wide lined notebook paper
- 1 2" D ring binder
- 1 pkg. 8 or more tabbed dividers
- 2 large boxes tissues
- 1 pencil case which fits into binder
- 1 pair scissors
- 2 pocket folders for binder (w/3 holes)
- 1 bottle of glue

Sixth Grade

- 6 #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 eraser
- 1 red pen
- 5 one subject spiral notebooks
- 1 set colored pencils
- 1 3" D ring binder
- 1 pkg. 8 or more tabbed dividers
- 2 large boxes tissues
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 pencils case which fits into binder
- 1 pocket folder for binder (w/3 holes)
- 1 pkg. page protectors
- 1 sketchbook
- 1 standard/metric ruler
- 1 pkg wide lined notebook paper
- 1 box of 24 count crayons
- 1 bottle of glue

Intermediate Vocal Music

- 1 pencil
- 1 section in binder

Intermediate Art

- 1 pack of 8 watercolor markers

Southeast Warren Community School District

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

August 2004

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | | Pastry | French Toast | Pizza |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Pastry | Waffles | Eggs/Toast | Muffin | Sausage Gravy/Biscuit |
| Hot Dog/Bun Green Beans Fruit Pudding | Nachos/Ground Beef Mixed Vegetables Fruit Peanut Butter Sand. Brownie | Pizza Lettuce Salad Fruit Texas Toast | Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Fruit | Burrito Cole Slaw Fruit Bread & Butter |
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

LUNCH PRICES

| | | | | |
|----------------|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| | K-6 | 7-12 | Reduced | Adult |
| Single | \$ 1.50 | \$ 1.60 | \$.40 | \$2.50 |
| Weekly | \$ 7.50 | \$ 8.00 | \$2.00 | |
| Monthly | \$30.00 | \$32.00 | \$8.00 | |

BREAKFAST PRICES

| | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Regular | Reduced | Adult |
| Single | \$ 1.00 | \$.30 | \$1.25 |
| Weekly | \$ 5.00 | \$1.50 | |
| Monthly | \$20.00 | \$6.00 | |

- All breakfasts served with juice and milk
- All lunches served with milk
- Menus are subject to change
- All money deposited in your family account may be used for lunch and breakfast at any building.

These prices are guidelines. You may deposit any amount into your family account.

Athletic Schedules

Please see online calendar:

<http://www.se-warren.k12.ia.us/calendar/>

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
May 10, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session May 10, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Hardy, Jennifer Birchette, Ron Miller and Chris Wadle. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were in attendance, along with members of the community.

AGENDA: Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

RECOGNITION: Superintendent John Della Vedova presented a certificate to each board member in recognition of Iowa School Board Recognition Week.

REPORTS:

Primary Principal's Report

submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

Thirty-nine potential kindergartners for the 2004-2005 school year attended our annual Kindergarten Round-up the week of April 26th. Balancing the loss of students from that number whose parents decide to hold their child back another year for additional readiness growth through repeating preschool with the potential of picking up more students from now to August, our beginning kindergarten number for next year could be near or even exceed thirty-nine, ten more than enrolled last fall. In 2002, we had thirty-three students at round-up with twenty-nine enrolled by fall. I am hopeful that our five-year downward trend in kindergarten enrollment is about to rebound and begin to move in a positive direction again.

The third grade completed the second round of the computer-generated MAP tests last week. Initial results indicate positive growth in all areas of reading skills for nearly all of the students.

The most recent Partners in Education fundraiser that was held the week of April 7th, earned that organization nearly \$5,000 at both elementary buildings towards the updating of playground equipment.

I am very pleased to announce that the Primary students collected nearly \$1400 during their recent math-a-thon with all proceeds going toward research and patient care at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This was a great service learning project, as well as a fun math review for participating students.

An earlier read-a-thon earned \$642 toward classroom equipment for our school. In addition,

Warren County Farm Bureau grants written by each of our four kindergarten and first grade teachers this spring, awarded those classrooms agriculturally-related books and machinery models for creative play, valued at \$800.

Preschool has already held their annual field trip to the Annett Nature Center. They will be holding their closing program at Parent Day in the city park at 10:00 a.m. on May 14th, with classes winding down on May 19th and 20th.

Kindergarten hosted their annual ABC picnic last Friday, May 7th on the school playground from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. Following lunch with their parents or significant adult, the kindergartners performed their closing program and then participated in outdoor games with their adult companion.

First grade is planning their field trip to visit historic sites in Pella for May 24th. Second grade will be visiting several points of interest in Des Moines on May 19th, and the third grade will be visiting the Warren County Historical Village on May 21st. Third grade will also visit the Intermediate building on the afternoon of May 13th. Second and third grade will be performing for local senior citizens at the Milo Community Hall the last week of school.

The preschool early childhood special education students will be attending the special mini-olympics at Norwalk on May 17th with the annual field day for K-3 students to be held on May 18th, with kindergarten and 2nd grade students participating from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and first and third grade students participating from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The special outdoor activities will be held on the playground. A rain date of May 20th as been set for field day.

Intermediate Principal's report

submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. The transition to fourth grade is an area of concern identified in the needs assessment conducted in January. Last year the advisory committee (now CFF) discussed the transition extensively. One of the ideas generated during these discussions was implemented last year - the fourth grade teachers prepared a letter for the 3rd graders. The letter is intended to inform the child and parent of 4th grade expectations. We are considering additional suggestions such as a weekly newsletter home and more consistent homework.

2. In April Luann Ohnemus and I attended a data workshop presented by the AEA. The AEA has created a database of our student ITBS/ITED test scores for the past several years. With this information the AEA creates the comparison graphs we need for our Annual Progress Report (APR). This information is also useful as we look at data for our Continuous School Improve-

ment Plan (CSIP) and for documenting improvements. We should be able to include our MAP data in this database and have easy access to that data in addition to ITBS/ITED data.

3. The state will soon assign identification numbers to all Iowa students. The addition of this new ID number will allow us to report test scores for students who complete a full academic year in our school compared to those who move in during the year. In order to prepare for this change we are looking at expanding our student management system into the elementary buildings. Several staff members will attend training in June on effectively managing data for state reporting and for documenting improvements.

4. We are finishing Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Reports are being generated and will be reviewed by staff at the early out planned for next week. This is our second round of testing and we have been cautioned not to put too much emphasis on these scores until we have completed at least three test sessions.

Secondary Principal's report

submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

Community Service/Spring Games - I would like to congratulate Mr. Ripperger and the members of the Student Council for their organization and leadership in accomplishing this day's events. Teachers and staff all participated with student groups to clean, polish, pick-up, paint, wash, mow, and generally "spruce up" our communities. The morning started with a canned food drive. We received 579 pounds of canned goods. The morning was spent in community service. Next was a bar-b-q lunch for everyone and then the spring games in the afternoon. There was a class competition with the seniors winning the overall event.

Prom - The junior class and their sponsors did an outstanding job in organizing and decorating for the Jr/Sr Prom. There were many people, too numerous to mention that helped make it a special evening. The students were well behaved and it was an evening enjoyed by all. The After Prom committee also did a great job with their event and many hours of preparation also went into their evening. All of this collaborative work is what truly makes school special for our students.

Teacher appreciation/recognition - This past week was teacher/staff appreciation week. We had breakfast one morning this week and some little gifts for the staff. Our student organizations put together a presentation for the staff with gifts that were given out through a drawing to also show their appreciation.

Sportsmanship - These are our basketball ratings from the state. This was based on 38 rat-

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ings from officials throughout the season. Improvement noted in two out of three areas (Please see chart below)

D/F list for mid terms as compared to last year (Please see chart below)

School Nurse report
 submitted by Dianne Butler:

I wanted to inform the Board that Milo Fire and Rescue is donating an AED to the school district. AED stands for automatic external defibrillator. They are used when someone is in cardiac arrest and their heart has stopped beating or beating erratically. Studies have shown that the use of an AED in addition to CPR increases a person's chance of survival than just CPR alone. This device is really not hard to use and some of them will speak to the user, leading through the steps to apply and use. The AED delivers a shock to the person to get their heart beating again. These units are out in public areas such as shopping malls, stadiums, etc. as well as on fire and rescue units. An AED easily costs \$3000.00 or more and we are lucky to have one donated to us. Sheila Coffman of Milo Fire and Rescue contacted me about us receiving their current AED as they had applied for a grant to get another one. The unit we are receiving is less than a year old. Sheila and I decided it should be kept in the high school building due to the longer rescue response time and all the public events held here in the high school building. The AED will be mounted in a glass case on the wall near a gym entrance. I will be responsible for the monthly checking of the batteries. Sheila has contacted Lacona Fire and Rescue and notified them of the AED here in the building, as that is who responds to calls at the high school. Sheila said they wouldn't receive their new AED until sometime in May so ours should be in place when school starts in August. I will have Sheila train the administrators and the AD on use of the AED. AED training is also part of CPR training now so if anyone has current CPR training they should be familiar with an AED. Please contact Sheila

Coffman or myself with any questions or concerns. Sheila said that using an AED in an emergency Situation is the same as performing CPR on someone in that you are protected by the Good Samaritan Law.

Update on Sale of Lagoon: John Burrell reported that the money for the purchase of the lagoon is not available from the USDA at this time. The survey has been completed. The county will need to purchase an additional 100 feet of ground beyond the fence line. The cost of the survey was \$2,900, which will be deducted from the sale price of the lagoon. The county attorney will write up the sales agreement. The lagoon will remain the responsibility of the district until money changes hands.

Children First Forum: Jennifer Birchette related to the Board that the Children's First Forum had met on Monday, May 3rd. Lori Nutting presented the plan for Title I and explained how it is used in Milo. The CSIP goals were reviewed and revised for Board approval. Information was shared on 4th, 8th and 11th grade ITBS results in reading and math. The group discussed how to get students to take the tests seriously and how to get them to change their minds to do well academically. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 30th in Liberty Center at 7:00 p.m.

Fine Arts Boosters: Jennifer Birchette reported that Donna Clay had been elected as President of the Fine Arts Boosters. A membership drive will be conducted at the start of the new school year.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were on the consent agenda:
 1. April 12, 2004 minutes
 2. Financial reports
 3. Second reading of Board Policy Section 601.3, "School Day"

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 5.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent John Della Vedova related to the Board

that negotiations had been settled with the certified staff at 4.28%. The Board scheduled a special board meeting for May 13th at 4:30 to approve the 2004-2005 contract with the Southeast Warren Education Association.

Superintendent John Della Vedova also related to the Board that the architect's fees for the Lacona project are going to exceed the contracted amount of \$4,900. The total fees to date are \$7,569.16. A typical architect fee for a project is 9% to 10% of the total project cost.

CSIP GOALS: District Student Learning Goals for the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, developed by Children First Forum:

- Academic and technological skills to be problem solvers and life long learners
- Skills and habits necessary to lead healthy lives and provide positive contributions to society
- Effective communication skills
- An understanding of individual and societal contributions to a global culture

District Long-Range Goals, developed by the District Leadership Team:

- All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in reading comprehension, prepared for success beyond high school.
- All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in mathematics, prepared for success beyond high school.
- All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in science, prepared for success beyond high school.
- All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in communication, prepared for success beyond high school.
- All K-12 students will learn technology skills for academic and practical applications in life.
- All students will feel safe at and connected to school.

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the goals for the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. Ayes: 5.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT: Motion by

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D/F list for mid terms as compared to last year

| | 7th | | | 8th | | | 9th | | | 10th | | | 11th | | | 12th | | |
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| | F | D | # | F | D | # | F | D | # | F | D | # | F | D | # | F | D | # |
| Mid Term 5/03 | | | | 22 | 35 | 22 | 25 | 29 | 21 | 31 | 75 | 31 | 4 | 22 | 14 | 11 | 36 | 19 |
| Mid Term 4/04 | 11 | 34 | 24 | 14 | 29 | 22 | 14 | 39 | 27 | 20 | 43 | 30 | 6 | 30 | 19 | 1 | 4 | 5 |

Sportsmanship Ratings - Basketball

| SEW | State Average | SEW 03-04 | SEW 02-03 |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Coach | 1.42 | 1.58 | 1.64 |
| Player | 1.38 | 1.89 | 2.05 |
| Spectator | 1.60 | 2.53 | 2.41 |

Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve a contract with Carl Reno as interim superintendent until the candidate of choice is available. Ayes: 5.

HEARING FOR LACONA GYMNASIUM EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS: A hearing was held concerning the Lacona gymnasium exterior modifications. One bid was received for the project from Hooyer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$120,000 plus \$13,000 for alternate bids for a total of \$133,000. The amount of the grant received for the project is \$96,609. The consensus of the Board was to reject the bid and have the architect revisit the specifications to see where costs could be cut to be more in line with the amount of the grant. Further action on the Lacona gymnasium exterior modifications was tabled until the next board meeting.

POTENTIAL GRADUATES: Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the list of potential graduates as presented. Ayes: 5.

PRESCHOOL FEES: Charlotte Weaklend recommended increasing the preschool fees for 2004-2005 by \$10 per month to \$56 per month, which would still keep our tuition rates \$9 per month under that of Calvary's Kids and the Indianola Preschool. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the increase in preschool fees as specified. Ayes: 5.

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUS: Bus bids were received from Thomas Bus Sales, Hougland Bus Company, Inc. and School Bus Sales. All three bids were comparable and met the specifications. The specifications also requested a price for tinted windows on the entire bus and strobe lights in the stop arm. The low bid, including the options, was received from Thomas Bus Sales. Joel Mosher recommended purchasing a bus from Thomas Bus Sales for the base price of \$58,397 plus the two additional options for a total price of \$58,705.

Julie Wilson related to the Board that financing is available for the purchase of the bus if necessary, depending on the receipt of the local option sales tax dollars. Financing could be arranged with \$15,000 paid upon delivery and the balance financed for one year at 4.17%.

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the purchase of the school bus as per Joel's recommendation and to approve financing the bus as per Julie's figures if necessary. Ayes: 5.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS REQUEST: Chuck Jones related to the Board that the infield of the baseball field needs to be resurfaced at an ap-

proximate cost of \$2,000. Coach Aldridge will apply \$1,000 from the sign advertising toward the cost of resurfacing. The Athletic Boosters are seeking the school's assistance in allocating the balance. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve \$500 towards improvements of the baseball infield. Ayes: 5.

UPDATES TO PROPANE PLANT: Terry Gladfelter related to the Board that Country Propane had submitted proposals to update the propane plant at the high school and to perform a complete gas systems check. The items in the proposals are required due to mandates that have been established due to new federal regulations. The total for the complete gas systems check is \$1,200. For every year after the complete systems check there will be a systems leak check required at an approximate cost of \$300. A proposal to bring the propane plant into compliance was submitted in the amount of \$5,359.22. Country Propane will not be able to supply the propane unless the systems check and updates are completed. The consensus of the Board was to have Country Propane present further information on the propane plant update at the June board meeting. The proposal for the update was not accepted due to competitive bids being required for any purchase over \$5,000. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the \$1,200 proposal for the complete gas systems check and \$300 for the annual systems leak check. Ayes: 5.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: A resignation was received from Joel Vos, HS Language Arts, Cross Country Coach, JH Boys' Basketball Coach, Yearbook/Newsletter Advisor and Junior Class Advisor. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the resignation of Joel Vos. Ayes: 5.

Charlotte Weaklend related to the Board that due to realignment of current teaching assignments funds were available to hire a full-time teacher at Milo and a half-time teacher at Lacona. In Milo, the current KIDS instructor will fill a vacancy due to a resignation in the ECSE program. The KIDS program will be reduced to a half time position, funded with At-Risk funds. The remainder of this position's time could be filled with the half-time class-size reduction grant dollars. This half-time position allows for smaller reading groups in the first, second, and third grades.

In Lacona, a half-time reading position would be created to work directly with the classroom teacher offering ideas and support, as well as working with students who need additional assistance. This position would be paid for from At-Risk funds.

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve hiring the new positions as per Charlotte's explanation. Ayes: 5.

AFSCME COUNCIL 61 CONTRACT: Superintendent John Della Vedova related to the Board that an agreement had been reached with AFSCME Council 61 for a 4.05% package with a cost of \$26,953.10. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the contract with AFSCME Council 61. Ayes: 5.

2004-2005 SALARIES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES: Superintendent John Della Vedova recommended a 4.05% package increase for Lu Ann Ohnemus (12 month contract), Julie Wilson (12 month contract), Charlotte Weaklend (225 day contract), Cindy Butler (225 day contract), Terry Gladfelter (220 day contract), Mike Tierney (220 day contract), Joel Mosher (12 month contract), and Connie Fridley (12 month contract). In addition Superintendent John Della Vedova recommended that the \$500 per month stipend to Julie Wilson, Charlotte Weaklend and Cindy Butler be reduced by \$250 because of the additional time of the part time superintendent. The stipend to Terry Gladfelter be reduced by \$200 per month for the same reason. The less reduction than the others would be for the weather decisions. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the salaries as stated and review the stipends at the end of the first semester after the new superintendent is hired. Ayes: 5.

BOARD POLICY 805.6: Julie Wilson recommended approval of Board Policy 805.6, "General Fixed Assets/Capital Assets" to address the change in financial accounting requirements. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the first reading of Board Policy 805.6. Ayes: 5.

BOARD POLICY 1006.3: The Board discussed Board Policy 1006.3, "Public Conduct on School Premises". It was suggested to have parents sign a copy of the policy in the fall before students are allowed to participate in activities. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the revision of Board Policy 1006.3 with additional revisions to be brought back at the time of the second reading. Ayes: 5.

BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 603, 604 AND 605: Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the review of Board Policy Sections 603, "Instructional Arrangements," 604, "Services," and 605, "Pupil Progress." Ayes: 5.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
May 10, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in special session May 10, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette and Chris Hardy. Ron Miller and Chris Wadle were absent. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were in attendance, along with members of the community.

AGENDA: Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the agenda. Ayes: 3.

TABULATE BIDS FOR LACONA GYMNASIUM EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS: One bid was received for the Lacona gymnasium exterior modifications from Hooyer Construction, Inc. The base bid total was \$120,000, plus \$7,500 for alternate bid no. 1 and an additional \$5,500 for alternate bid no. 2, for a total bid of \$133,000. A bid bond for 5% of the total bid accompanied the bid from Hooyer Construction, Inc.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
May 13, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in special session May 13, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Chris Wadle and Chris Hardy. Ron Miller was absent. Board Secretary Julie Wilson was also in attendance.

AGENDA: Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4.

MASTER CONTRACT: Julie Wilson reviewed the negotiated settlement with the Southeast Warren Education Association. The total package increase was 4.28% at a cost of \$89,568.07. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the Master Contract with the Southeast Warren Education Association. Ayes: 3. John Burrell abstained from voting.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
June 14, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session June 14, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School build-

ing. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Hardy, Jennifer Birchette, Ron Miller and Chris Wadle. Superintendent Carl Reno, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were in attendance, along with members of the community.

AGENDA: Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

VISITORS: Larry Snuggs expressed his concern to the Board that as an employee he had always assumed that if an employee gets into a situation and needs legal assistance, the school would provide the assistance. Superintendent Carl Reno asked Mr. Snuggs to stop by his office and he would explain the difference between civil suits, which the school would provide legal assistance for, and criminal charges, which the school would not provide legal assistance for.

REPORTS:

Transportation report

submitted by Joel Mosher:

1. The second half bus inspection was held on May 4th. We had a few minor repairs that have all been repaired and mailed back in.
2. At this time I for see no major bus repairs over the summer. We have four buses that will need tires before school starts. The rest will be general maintenance and servicing of all the buses and vans.
3. At this time I'm looking for substitute drivers for next year and possibly a van driver for another special education route.
4. I have been talking to Melcher-Dallas schools about sharing some transportation to Des Moines and some other possibilities on sharing buses and drivers.

Intermediate Principal's report

submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. Each grade level took a field trip during May. Fourth grade visited Living History Farms. Fifth grade attended a session at DMACC on water. The sixth grade attended an Iowa Cubs baseball game. In addition, 5th and 6th grade band members visited Adventureland.
2. Several special events were held this month to which parents and community members were invited. We were pleased at the number of people who were able to attend the following events:
 - Spelling Bee, winner of 3rd and 4th grade was Christina Dittmer (4th)
 - The winner of the 5th grade was Evan Gardner (5th)
 - These students are eligible to participate

in the State Fair Spelling Bee in August.

- The third graders visited the Intermediate building. The teachers prepared a printed summary of changes to expect which students were to give to their parents. Mrs. Mead and Mr. Harken presented information and answered questions.

- Mrs. Young and the Intermediate students presented a music concert to community members and parents.

- Four teams of students competed in an Academic Bowl. The winning student team competed against a team of staff members. The staff members won, but it was a good competition.

- We had a beautiful day for Field Day. Mr. Newbury was well prepared and the students performed well. Partners in Education served sno-cones at the end of the day to very appreciative students.

- A Talent Showcase was held with the 6th grade band performing two numbers. Other student groups and individuals shared their talent with an audience of their peers.

- We concluded the month with our Awards Assembly. Many students earned awards for honor roll and earning A's all for quarters in specific subjects. In addition, students earned certificates for missing two days or fewer.

3. About 50 students earned certificates for no office referrals or detentions all year. Brittany Chapman, Morgan Lawler, Haley Mason, Kaitlin Coffman, Grant Seuferer, and Jade Hibbeler earned the citizenship awards this year. They showed a positive attitude toward classmates, the school and the community. Their names will be inscribed on a plaque outside the office.

4. Our most prestigious award, the President's Award for Educational Excellence was awarded to sixth graders who have maintained a 90% or higher grade point average all three years in this building, and scored at the 85 percentile or above on ITBS in reading or math. This year's recipients were: Dane Dodd, Jade Hibbeler, Megan Karimi, Dillon King, Evan Schurman, Grant Seuferer, Sydney Smith, Eddie Steil, and Brooke Vasey. Their names will be inscribed on a plaque outside the office.

5. Final figures on Office Referrals and Detentions for year: **(Please see chart below)**

Elementary Principal's report

submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

1. A summary of the activities for the 2003-2004 school year was included in board packets.
2. A chart of enrollment trends, discipline and

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Intermediate Building

| | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 | 2003-2004 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Detentions | 632 | 426 | 181 | 269* |
| Office Referrals | 139 | 114 | 87 | 97* |

*134 detentions and 7 office referrals were from the bus

attendance reports for the past four years was reviewed.

Secondary Principal's Report

submitted by Terry Gladfelder:

1. Below is the D/F list for the end of the year as compared to last year. The number in parentheses is the total in the class for this year. The percentage represents the number of students in the D/F range divided by class total. **(Please see chart)**
2. Charts were presented showing students' MAP test results in language usage, reading and mathematics.
3. A chart showing the numbers and percentages of students that have made the honor roll for this year was reviewed.

Board report: John Burrell related that a meeting will be held with the County Attorney, Cory Frank and Liberty Center Sewer Committee to write up a sales agreement for the sale of the lagoon to the County. Possession of the lagoon will be at the time money exchanges hands, which is anticipated to be the summer of 2005.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. May 10, 2004, special board meeting minutes
2. May 10, 2004, regular board meeting minutes
3. May 13, 2004, special board meeting minutes
4. Financial reports
5. Second reading and revision of Board Policy 1006.3, "Public Conduct on School Premises"
6. Second reading of Board Policy 805.6, "General Fixed Assets/Capital Assets"

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 5.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Three or four board goals will be recommended at July's board meeting for the 2004-2005 school year based on the interviews with board members.
2. Committees will be set up for Budget, Buildings and Grounds, Negotiations, Legislative, and Transportation. Two board members will serve on each committee. Board members are to be thinking of which two committees they would like to serve on.
3. Mr. Reno has met with all parties involved in a recent bus incident. At this time, all claims have been dropped and the situation is under control and will not be going any further.

4. Open enrollment out forms to the Pleasantville Community School District were received from Jessica Conrad and Rusty Lewis. The forms will be approved for open enrollment out.

PROPANE PLANT: Greg Davis, from Country Propane, was present to answer questions from the Board concerning updates to the propane plant. The updates will be required due to new regulations in the Code by the year 2011. Country Propane is recommending proceeding with the updates now since the current vaporizer will soon need to be replaced. The recommended update would include a monitoring system that would allow Country Propane to monitor the pressure level of the tank and fill as needed. The consensus of the Board was postpone making a decision on the propane plant updates until the July board meeting when the balance of available PPEL Funds will be known after estimates for repairs to the shower rooms are received.

LACONA GYMNASIUM: Bart Butler related to the Board that he had met with the contractor who submitted a bid for the Lacona gymnasium exterior modifications to look at the specifications and determine areas that could be changed to bring the project cost into line with the grant allocation. The consensus of the Board was to have Bart Butler proceed with revising the design documents and specifications and bring the revisions back to the Board for consideration at the July board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT: Superintendent Carl Reno requested a salary of \$50 per hour with the funds to be banked to cover the cost of insurance premiums. Superintendent Reno anticipated working 16 to 20 hours per week, with no charge for ballgame supervision. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the salary and contract terms as discussed at a salary of \$50 per hour to be banked for insurance purposes. Aye: 5.

ARCHITECT CONTRACT: Bart Butler presented an amendment to the architect contract for the Lacona gymnasium exterior modifications project. The amendment increases compensation by \$2,361. The amendment raises the total compensation to \$7,261 and will provide for services to reissue and rebid the Lacona gymnasium project. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the contract amendment. Ayes: 5.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Motion by Chris

Hardy, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the resignations of Linda Jacobs, Cook; Lisa Huyette, JH Dance Team; Brian Harken, Head HS Boys' Track Coach; Jason Walter, Ass't. JH Volleyball Coach; and Sherry Northway, Associate. Ayes: 5.

The following appointments were recommended: Lisa Huyette, Co-Head HS Drill Team Coach; Kristy Helverson, Co-Head HS Drill Team Coach; Jason Walter, Cross Country Coach; Kim Warner, HS Language Arts; Phil Oliver, HS Special Education and JH Baseball Coach (2003-2004); Shauna Starr, KIDS/Early Intervention. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the appointments as listed. Ayes: 5.

A request was submitted to consider increasing the hours on the contracts for Joanne Vincent and Janet Hendrickson from 6 hours per day to 6 ¾ hours per day. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the contract changes. Ayes: 0. Nays: 5. Motion did not pass.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

The Student Assistance Program and the Employee Assistance Program are due to renew on July 1. The cost of the Student Assistance Program is \$3,342, which will be paid for from At-Risk funds. The cost of \$1,560 for the Employee Assistance Program will be paid for from General Fund money. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the renewal of the Employee Assistance Program and Student Assistance Program. Ayes: 4. John Burrell abstained from voting.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: This item was tabled until the July board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION NETWORK MEMBER:

Chris Wadle was appointed as the Legislative Action Network Member for 2004-2005.

BOARD GOALS: This item was tabled until the July board meeting.

GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM REPAIRS: Superintendent Carl Reno will have a structural engineer look at the girls' locker room walls and get a cost analysis of the needed repairs. A memo will be sent to board members after the information is received.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

D/F list for the end of the year as compared to last year

| | 7 th | | 8 th | | 9 th | | 10 th | | 11 th | | 12 th | |
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| 4th Qtr 5/03 | | | 29 | 44 23 | 21 | 34 21 | 41 | 58 34 | 6 | 23 13 | 16 | 33 20 |
| 4th Qtr 5/04 | 10 | 47 21 42% | 13 | 18 14 32% | 12 | 33 22 44% | 8 | 62 27 49% | 4 | 33 19 43% | 0 | 3 3 7.5% |

Calendar

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