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## From the Superintendent's Desk...

To the patrons, board of education and employees of the Southeast Warren Community Schools

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to serve your school system as an acting part-time superintendent. My tenure here terminates at the end of May. I will then be a full-time Associate Director and Instructor for Viterbo University's Iowa Master's Degree program for teachers and administrative, middle school and reading endorsements.

You can be very proud of your system; you have good employees, a sound board of education, and interested patrons. I hope you continue to support the district to make it the best it can possibly be both financially and in spirit.

Dr. John Della Vedova

## SEW Elementary Family Fishing Day

The Elementary Family Fishing Day was held on Saturday, May 8th. It turned out to be a gorgeous day. We had 24 people including 11 students enjoy the morning. The fish were biting—bass and bluegill, and the wildlife was abundant. The geese were making their presence known. We also saw snakes, a muskrat, several tree swallows, herons, other birds and critters.

The names of all students who participated were sorted by building and put into a drawing for a rod and reel set. The winners were: Primary building—Madison Newbury and Intermediate building—Devin Reed.

Submitted by Barb Ripperger

## From the After-Prom Committee...

A big thanks to all community members for your donations for this year's event. We had a great time at the Fitness Center. Our entertainment included a hypnotist, airbrush tattoos, prizes and a lot of food.

We were very pleased with the attendance and attitude of the students. They worked all year to help raise funds for the event and our entertainment company was overwhelmed by the students' manners and behavior. Thanks to all!

Submitted by Pam Seuferer, After-Prom Committee

From your **Junior/Senior High Principal...**  
**Terry Gladfelter**

As the year comes to a close, it is a time of reflection and assessment of our strengths and weaknesses. I know the athletic program at SEW is a very important part of our community. I would like to reflect on this particular subject in relation to our sportsmanship ratings from the past year. The June 1998 Iowa High School Athletic Association bulletin had the following statement:

*“Citizenship and sportsmanship are key elements of character development. It is necessary for everyone involved with interscholastic athletics to display, and insist that others display, exemplary citizenship and sportsmanship. Just because society as a whole seems to be getting more disrespectful and less civil, doesn’t mean we have to accept those actions as appropriate. In fact, the growing trend toward lack of respect and civility make it even more important for educators to teach student-athletes about good citizenship and sportsmanship.”*

The following charts indicate our ratings from the IHSAA and the Pride

of Iowa conference. The IHSAA ratings are derived from the referees at the events, evaluating coaches, players, and spectators. While some of the statistics are very commendable, there are others that we need to consider and try to improve. (See chart below)

The Pride of Iowa Conference has an annual sportsmanship rating program for the 12 schools in our conference. These ratings are also based upon coaches, players, and spectators. During the 2002-2003 season we were in last place in the conference. This year we were 10<sup>th</sup> in the conference. The chart below compares the results of the last two years. (See chart below)

I know these results are not from a scientific study, but are the opinions of the referees at the different sporting events. What I would like to point out is that many of our students participate in two, three, and four sports a year. And yet the sportsmanship ratings can vary significantly from sport to sport. We cannot neglect the fact of the importance of the coach and parental influence in our student’s lives.

Again, I would like to quote from the IHSAA bulletin of October 2001.

*“What coaches and parents believe to be important, are also important to students. If the beliefs about sportsmanship and citizenship are similar between coaches and parents, it sends a very strong message to students about their own behavior.”*

From a win-loss perspective, I am pleased with the records of our sports this year. But even more important is that we all demonstrate the character of good sportsmanship regardless of the win-loss record, and on or off the field good citizenship is continually displayed.

*Terry Gladfelter*  
*Jr-Sr High Principal*

**IHSAA Sportsmanship Ratings**

BASEBALL	Top 10%	State Average	Bottom 10%	SEW
Coaches	1.00-1.04	1.29	1.63-2.38	1.07
Players	1.00-1.03	1.25	1.53-2.18	1.17
Spectators	1.00-1.09	1.36	1.70-2.33	1.37

FOOTBALL	Top 10%	State Average	Bottom 10%	SEW
Coaches	1.02-1.13	1.48	1.98-2.88	2.26
Players	1.00-1.08	1.35	1.68-2.51	2.08
Spectators	1.00-1.11	1.40	1.78-2.85	2.18

BASKETBALL	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

WRESTLING	State Average	SEW 03-04	SEW 02-03
Coach	1.47	1.33	1.86
Player	1.39	1.39	1.71
Spectator	1.42	1.44	1.43

**POI Sportsmanship Ratings**

	03-04	02-03
<b>Volleyball</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tied - 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Wrestling</b>	Tied - 1 <sup>st</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Girls Basketball</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Boys Basketball</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Tied - 9 <sup>th</sup>

From your **Intermediate Principal...**

**Cindy Butler**

## Band News

It was a busy year for both Jr. High and High School bands. We performed many different styles of music in many different locations. Pep band music at football and basketball games, Christmas selections at Merle Hay Mall and Capitol Square, Jazz at Fine Arts Night, Wind Ensemble music at three concerts, attendance at three honor band festivals, rehearsal at Simpson College, Baccalaureate and Commencement, and IHSM State Large Group Contest. The High School Concert Band received a Division II Award by some very tough judges. I was very pleased by the band's performance.

Although this was a busy year, I have already planned more Honor Bands, Festivals and appearances for next year and a trip for both bands. We had a successful fund raiser this year and another in the planning stages for next fall to finance the trip.

During the month of June I will be giving summer band lessons in the three centers of Milo, Lacona, and Liberty Center. Lessons are at no charge and are a perfect opportunity to make great advancements on one's instrument. We will study jazz, country, pop, contemporary, or any style that is of interest to you. Lessons will be twenty minutes long and scheduled at your convenience. I will be in Lacona Monday mornings and all day Tuesday, Liberty Center Monday afternoon and Thursday mornings, and Milo all day Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The more you practice the better you play. The better you play the more fun you have. The more fun you have the more you practice. Thanks for a great year,

*Willis VanderLinden, Band Director*

This year we were very lucky to have several dedicated high school students who volunteered to work with students at the Intermediate Center. They came every day or on alternate days as their schedules allowed, and they were a great influence on our students. The teachers, students and I thank them for giving of their time in such a caring way. They were wonderful role models for our students and a pleasure to work with.

**Allison Warren** and **Laura Taylor** worked with Ms. Spirek or Mrs. Butler and their students. The girls read to students, had students read to them, or worked on other academic activities. **Elizabeth Lawrence** spent time in Mrs. Ripperger's classroom assisting students with math or reading. With the assistance of these three wonderful high school students we were able to offer individual attention to our students.

Our last high school student was **Brian Farley**. Brian worked one on one with a student. The student really looked forward to the days Brian would be here to spend time talking and listening. We really appreciated having Brian here this year.

These students did not receive high school credit, pay or any incentive to donate their time. Regardless, they decided to put their free time to good use and help our students succeed. They truly know the meaning of community service.

We can always use student or adult mentors or tutors for our students. If you have some free time during the day, and would like to share that time with students, please give me a call. We will do our best to put your skills to work to meet the needs of our students.

*Cindy Butler, Intermediate Principal*

## Children First Forum

The Children's First Forum met Monday, May 3 in Milo. Those attending were Jennifer Birchette, Lori Nutting, Charlotte Weaklend, Terry Gladfelter, Carla Anders, and Donna Clay.

Lori Nutting presented the plan for Title I and explained how it is used in Milo. She answered questions from the group.

Terry Gladfelter brought back the CSIP goals with suggested changes from the board. The consensus from the group was to change one goal to read "effective communication skills". The group stated they would like to keep the other 2 goals as stated. Mr. Gladfelter will take this back to the board. Mr. Gladfelter also shared information from 4th, 8th, and 11th 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. Further discussion will need to be held regarding this.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 30th in Liberty Center at 7:00 PM. The public is encouraged to attend.

*Submitted by Donna Clay*

*From your Primary Principal...*

## **Charlotte Weaklend**

Thirty-nine potential kindergartners for the 2004-2005 school year attended our annual Kindergarten Round-up the week of April 26th. That number is up from last year when thirty-two attended. 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. Teachers spent time at the May 12<sup>th</sup> inservice checking growth in each of the four areas - reading, math, science, and language arts - from fall, 2003 to spring, 2004 and compared each student's actual growth with the growth that would be expected from each child based on average progress. Teachers then compared these scores with the fall Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and noted areas that each student's educational program needs to emphasize next year, as well as gained perspective on how over all classroom group instruction needs to change for next year to accommodate the needs of the students. Kindergarten, first, and second grade teachers also gain insight into how they can better prepare their students for third grade work given this information.

The most recent Partners in Education fundraiser held in April earned nearly \$5,000 towards the updating of playground equipment. Thanks to everyone in the community who participated in this fund-raiser.

I am very pleased to announce that the Primary students collected nearly \$1400 during their recent math-a-thon. All proceeds will go 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 held their annual field trip to the Annett Nature Center. They performed songs and nursery rhymes for their parents at their closing program at Parent Day in the multi-purpose room on May 14th, with classes winding down on May 19th and 20th. We are saddened to lose our preschool teacher of seven years, but look forward to a strong program again next year with another well qualified teacher. Teresa Schneider

will be leaving us at the end of this year for a new life in Oklahoma. Our best wishes go with her.

Kindergarten hosted their annual ABC picnic last Friday, May 7th. Following lunch with their parents or significant adult, the kindergartners performed their closing program and then participated in several floor games with their adult companion.

First grade visited historic sites in Pella for May 24th. Second grade traveled to several points of interest in Des Moines on May 19th, and the third grade finished their pioneer unit with a day at the Warren County Historical Village on May 21st. Third grade visited the Intermediate building on the afternoon of May 13th to participate in the 3rd-4th grade spelling bee, tour the building, and heard from the fourth grade teachers and the current fourth grade students about what to expect next year. First, second and third grade performed musical numbers for local senior citizens at the Milo Community Hall the last week of school.

The preschool early childhood special education students attended the special mini-olympics at Norwalk on May 17th. The annual field day on the Primary playground for all K-3 students was held on May 18th. Activities included: noodle javelin throw, football toss, softball toss, frisbee throw, tennis racket balance relay, ball and broom race, hoop toss, bean bag toss, basketball dribble, basketball shooting, art project, ball on a spoon, and water brigade.

Congratulations to first and second grade spelling champion Alyssa Dittmer who won the annual spelling bee on May 17th during our morning assembly. Runner up Shiloh Williams will be invited to represent S. E. Warren first and second graders at the Iowa State Fair Spelling Bee in August should Alyssa be unable to attend.

*Charlotte Weaklend  
Primary Principal*

### **Relay For Life Car Wash**

**Saturday, June 5, 2004 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**At the Wash House on Main Street in Milo**

**Free Will Donation**

**Sponsored by the Belmont Badgers 4-H Club**

**Proceeds to the American Cancer Society**

## Student Activity Fund

This year's donations from the public to the Student Activity Fund were again outstanding. Shown here is a chart indicating which accounts received funds, either by the choice of the donator, or by distribution of the undesignated funds.

The Activity Fund continues to improve through the generosity of our parents and district patrons, and through the fundraising efforts of our students, staff, and coaches. This speaks well of the community's desire, interest, and willingness to be involved in our students and their activities. Thank you to all who donated!

Total Donations	\$5,952.00	Designated:	Undesignated:
Academic Bowl			\$58.00
Art Club		\$35.00	
Band		\$130.00	
Baseball		\$275.00	\$757.88
B-Basketball		\$50.00	
Class 2004		\$25.00	
Class 2006		\$25.00	
Class 2007		\$5.00	
Cross Country		\$250.00	
Drama		\$32.50	
Elem. Yrbk.		\$20.00	
FBLA			\$200.00
FCCLA			\$200.00
FFA		\$130.00	
Flags		\$25.00	
Football		\$50.00	
G-Basketball		\$25.00	
Gen. Athletics		\$50.00	
Golf		\$185.00	\$231.86
Intermed. Bldg.		\$100.00	
JH Art Club		\$10.00	
JH Sports		\$65.00	
NHS		\$140.00	
Primary Bldg.		\$165.00	
Softball		\$185.00	
Spanish		\$120.00	
Track		\$100.00	\$713.90
Utility			\$593.36
Vocal		\$147.50	
Vocal-NY		\$10.00	
Volleyball		\$50.00	
Wrestling		\$742.00	
Forwarded to Boosters		\$50.00	
Totals		\$3,197.00	\$2,755.00

## Lacona Library Summer Reading Program

Come join the fun. Our summer program is open to all students in preschool to 4th grade. We will meet every Tuesday in July from 11:00 AM to noon. We read stories, make crafts, play games, and have snacks. Hope to see you July 6, 13, 20, and 27. Stop in to sign up or give Mary a call at 534-4400.

*Submitted by Donna Clay*

## Fine Arts Boosters

The Fine Arts Boosters would like to thank everyone for their support this past school year. We have purchased a Baritone for the band, paid transportation for vocal students to events at the Civic Center, helped with refreshments at the plays, paid for the band pants to be cleaned, sponsored FAN night, paid accompanists and many other little things.

We will not be meeting this summer but please come join us in August for planning the 2004 - 2005 school year. The officers for the 2004 - 2005 school year are:

**Donna Clay:** President  
**Cathy Nutting:** Vice President  
**Sherry Dittmer:** Secretary  
**Jan Dittmer:** Treasurer

*Submitted by Barb Ripperger*

### FFA News



We had our annual FFA banquet on April 23, 2004. This was a great success. We would like to thank our guest speakers **Betsy Radashak and Sheena Spurgin**. On June 7<sup>th</sup> our new officer team will go to Knoxville for officer retreat. **Jodie Pitcock** will be meeting with our meat judging team throughout the summer. We would like to thank him for taking time to teach this team what he knows about judging.

The FFA test plots at the Milo school and the coop in Milo have been planted by Bret Brummer, thank you.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> the FFA will be holding there first annual sheep show at the Warren Co. Fair. If any 4-H or FFA member is interested please contact Scott Dirx at 641-466-3331. The weigh in will be from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. The show time will be at 12:01 P.M.

*Submitted by FFA Reporter  
Brad Ball*

# A Call For Help!!!

It has been a great year in Mrs. McCombs Resource room! My students (and many general education students) have gotten a lot of use out of the numerous books that were donated to the program by the community last year. I am once again asking for parents and community members to scour their bookshelves, garage sale piles and closets for gently used novels or books on tape.

I have expanded my resource library to include books on tape. Although I have quite a few to choose from, I am still looking for the paper version of several books. If you have any of these titles or any books on tape that you would like to donate, please send them with your child to school. If they attend the primary or intermediate centers, label them and turn them in to the office and they will send the package to me at the Jr. Sr. High.

**Thank you for your donations and support!**

## BOOK WISH LIST

The Door in the Wall	Fair Weather
Johnny Voodoo	Frenchtown Summer
Out of the Dust	Tuck Everlasting
Number the Stars	Pictures of Hollis Woods
The Fighting Ground	Night the White Deer Died
The Honk & Holler Opening Soon	The Hungry Ocean
The First Horseman	Love, Ruby Lavender
Night Gardening	Island of the Blue Dolphins
Breathing Underwater	The Contender
Across Five Aprils	The Bomb
Crash	Homeless Bird
The Face on the Milk Carton	The Great Fire
In My Father's House	Jason's Gold
Getting Near to Baby	The Education of Little Tree
The Maze	Lyddie
Lily's Crossing	The Land
Peace Like a River	The Music of Dolphins
The Monsters of Morley Manor	A Long Way From Chicago
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution	

*Pam McCombs, Jr-Sr. Resource teacher*

## Attention SEW Alumni

If you graduated between 1989 and 2004, you may have your immunization card from this school. Just call the school with your name, address, and year graduated and it will be mailed to you. If you have any question, please contact Dianne Butler at 641-466-3331.

*Submitted by Dianne Butler*

## SEW 2004 Scholarship Foundation Awards

### Ernest Bechtel Memorial Award— Science Field

Laura Taylor  
Jackie Swim

### James L. & Grace S. Butler Award

Laura Benesh  
Justin Owens  
Heath Hunter  
Liz Lawrence  
Allison Warren

### Frank Uballe, Jr. Award Wrestling/Boys Sport

Brandon Bauer

### Cindy Snuggs Memorial Award— Track/Girls Sport

Dani Hommer

### Dewey Hommer Memorial Award— Math Field

Brittany Stanley

### Dr. A.L. McCormick Memorial Award—medical science

Courtney Kimzey

### Darla Jo Reynolds Memorial Award

Megan Snodgrass  
Dustin Dykstra

### F.J. and Norma Greubel Award— Education

Emily Kimzey

### Foundation Awards

Scott Schurman  
Ashley Jones  
Jennette Krauthoff  
Jason Byers  
Sawyer Schumann  
Zachary Johns

**Athletic Calendar - Not available in online version**

**Southeast Warren Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 12, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session April 12, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Ron Miller, Chris Hardy 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 Chris Hardy, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

**VISITORS:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Transportation Report**

**submitted by Joel Mosher:**

1. The winter sports are completed and the spring activities have begun.
2. Bus routes and special education routes are going good. I'm looking for substitute drivers to help cover spring activities.
3. All drivers have completed their required training for the year.
4. I have worked up a new set of specs for a new bus with the help of all the drivers and their input of things they would like to change.
5. I'm working on getting busses ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of inspections on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Primary Principal's Report**

**submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:**

1. Report cards were sent home with the Primary students on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The results of DIBELS testing will be sent to parents as the tests are completed.
2. Kathy Taggart, Stacey Clendenen, and I attended Mandt recertification training on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Mandt is a system that teaches deescalation and nonphysical, as well as physical restraint techniques to use with students who are out of control. The district now has a team in each building who has undergone the two-day initial Mandt training followed by annual one-day renewal trainings. Mandt teaches: building health relationships, building communication, conflict resolution, behavior support, assisting a person who is unable to stand on his/her own, separating students who are physically fighting, and physical restraint while standing. Physical restraint is to be used only to prevent someone from hurting themselves or others. I am currently developing a form to aid our Mandt teams in documenting instances where they intervened to help with students.
3. PIE kicked off a weeklong fundraiser on April 7<sup>th</sup>. They are selling spices, soup and dip mixes, and lawn flags.
4. The 2004-2005 Kindergarten Parents' meet-

ing will be held on the evening of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Round-up is scheduled for the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>.

5. The elementary students' pictures will be taken on April 15<sup>th</sup> by Lifetouch Photographers. Purchase of the pictures by the parents is optional.

6. Rock-in-Preventions will be visiting our school on April 16<sup>th</sup>. This program, paid for by federal Drug Free Schools grant money, utilizes senior high students to work with elementary students in delivering a drug free message.

**Intermediate Principal's Report**

**submitted by Cindy Butler:**

1. One of the areas of concern, which came out in the needs assessment conducted in January, was the transition between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The junior high team, the sixth grade teachers, Mr. Gladfelter and I met on March 31 to discuss what can be done to improve the transition. Junior high teachers now use the same binder system and assignment calendar as we do in the intermediate. They have also developed a system where junior high teachers can better monitor assignment completion and contact parents when there is a problem. The sixth grade teachers try to have the students take more responsibility and encourage them to become more independent. We decided to go ahead with the sixth grade shadowing which has been done the last few years. The junior high team came to the intermediate and spoke to both sixth grade classes to explain about junior high and answer questions. The sixth grade teachers and I developed the student shadowing assignments that will begin on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Our students have been involved in several activities this past month. On March 11<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students participated in the Spring Band Concert. Both bands did an excellent job under Mr. VanderLinden's direction.
3. Science Fair/Science Night was an opportunity for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to display a science project of their choosing. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students displayed cell and atom models. The fourth grade students had posters that illustrated scientific principles. Donna Clay, Barb Ripperger, and Nancy Mead organized the event.
4. D.A.R.E. graduation was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Deputy Randy Spurr led the drug awareness curriculum. Each student wrote an essay with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place essays read aloud during

graduation. Congratulations to Courtney Lauver and Brooke Vasey for their first place essays and Eddie Steil and Ashley Mills for second place.

5. April 7<sup>th</sup> was the third character activity for the year. The thirty students who completed a community service project and met other requirements spent the afternoon at Skate South. The students displayed their good character while on the trip and everyone had a great time.

**Secondary Principal's report submitted by Terry Gladfelter:**

1. FBLA State Conference – Congratulations to Dani Hommer for placing first in the Business Calculations Competitive Event. The team of Justin Owens, Scott Schurman, and Courtney Kimzey place third in the Advanced Level Spelling Relay Event.
2. Pride of Iowa Academic Day – This year's event was in the categories of Science, Math and Spanish. Our ratings in the three areas was Science – tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place, Math – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Spanish – 4<sup>th</sup> place. Brittney Stanley and Emily Kimzey came in first in the Junior/Senior Marathon Math competition. Our school was well represented by our students in competition with 11 other schools.
3. Sportsmanship – I'm pleased to present some information that is showing improvement in the sportsmanship of our school. Please see charts below

**Legislative Report:** Chris Wadle shared the following items that were recently published in the *Des Moines Register*:

1. The debate over state spending on Iowa's public schools has become one of the flashpoints of the 2004 legislative session and could be a major issue in legislative races this fall.
2. Last year, Iowa spent an average of \$6,974 on each student, more than double what was spent in 1985-86. Still, 33 other states had higher per-student spending than Iowa last year, when nationally, an average of \$7,829 was devoted to each student.
3. Even though Iowa has 17,500 fewer elementary and secondary students than during the 1998-99 school year, the state has just four fewer school districts. Enrollments are declining in two-thirds of districts. Absent changes in policy, the current problem will worsen as the number of

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<b>Wrestling from the state – Congratulations Mr. Ripperger, Wrestling Team, and fans!</b>			
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children in Iowa continues to dwindle.

4. A state spending plan unveiled by Republican leaders earlier this month would increase general aid by \$109 million, \$12 million less than Vilsack recommended. The \$109 million includes replacement of the state aid lost through the across-the-board budget cut ordered by Vilsack last fall. Vilsack also wanted an additional \$10 million for a teacher development grant program that would be tied to school district efficiencies.

**Children First Forum:** Jennifer Birchette related that the Children First Forum had met on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Lori Pierson presented a draft of goals from the district leadership team. The team came up with the goals after studying the community wide needs assessment. Using this information, the CFF members wrote some district student learning goals. The next meeting will be held May 3 in Milo.

**Fine Arts Boosters:** Jennifer Birchette related that the next event would be the spring play. Barb Ripperger has resigned from the Fine Arts Boosters board after nine years of service.

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

1. Approve March 4 and March 8, 2004 minutes
2. Approve financial reports
3. Approve second reading of Board Policy Section 602, "Programs of Instruction"

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent John Della Vedova reported on the following items:

1. An email was received from the school attorney concerning contract language for the sale of the lagoon. The county has requested that Southeast Warren be responsible for the lagoon until the construction stage has started. The

reply to the attorney is that Southeast Warren will not be responsible for the lagoon after the sale has been finalized.

2. EMC has performed a roof inspection of the instructional buildings for the district at no charge. EMC will then furnish a report of the findings and recommended repairs.

3. Carl Reno will attend the May board meeting to negotiate a contract for the interim superintendent position.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES:** Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to accept the resignations of Teresa Schneider, Early Childhood Special Education instructor, Assistant HS Girls' Track Coach and Assistant JH Girls' Basketball Coach, and Melissa Wiley, Cheerleading Sponsor. Ayes: 5.

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve supplemental pay for assistant coach to Scott Dirx, Assistant JH Boys' Track and Jason Walter, Assistant JH Girls' Track. Ayes: 5.

Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Ron Miller to approve hiring Doris Kay Hutton, Special Education Associate, Step 1 – Classified Schedule; Timothy Babcock, Elementary Guidance Counselor, MA/Step 10; and Kristina Stills, Secondary Yearbook/Newspaper Advisor (50%).

**2004-2005 BUDGET:** A hearing was held allowing members of the public to ask questions or express concerns about the proposed 2004-2005 budget. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the 2004-2005 budget. Ayes: 5. The adopted tax rate is \$18.02256 per \$1,000 taxable valuation.

**2004-2005 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter recommended revising the 2004-2005 school calendar to reflect inservice days on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays and add two 2:15 dismissals the last two student days of the school year. The change in inservice days will help with scheduling problems with the AEA. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the revision to the 2004-2005 school calendar. Ayes: 5.

Ayes: 5. **ISCAP PROGRAM:** Julie Wilson recommended continued participation in the Iowa School Cash Anticipation Program. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve participation in the ISCAP program and approve the ISCAP Supplemental Resolution. Ayes: 5.

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler reviewed the scope of the Lacona gymnasium exterior modifications. The project includes covering the exterior with a metal panel system, repairing the roof on the east side, installing new windows and adding a canopy and concrete walkway at the cafeteria door. Julie Wilson recommended setting the date for opening bids on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. with a hearing to follow during the regular board meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve construction of the Lacona gymnasium exterior modifications and set the date of hearing and letting for May 10<sup>th</sup> and order publication of Notice of Hearing and Letting. Ayes: 5.

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT:** Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve Carl Reno as Interim Superintendent until a replacement is hired, salary to be determined at the May board meeting. Ayes: 5.

**CSIP GOALS:** Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to table this item until the May meeting. Ayes: 5.

**2002-2003 AUDIT REPORT:** Julie Wilson briefly reviewed the 2002-2003 audit report prepared by Nolte, Cornman and Johnson, P.C. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Ron Miller to accept the 2002-2003 audit report. Ayes: 5.

**BOARD POLICY 601.3:** Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the revision of Board Policy 601.3, "School Day." Ayes: 5.

President John Burrell adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

D/F List Comparison from the Secondary Principal's Report:

	7th			8th			9th			10th			11th			12th		
	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#
<b>Mid term 9/02</b>				15	18	26	5	21	22	10	30	30	3	10	10	6	16	16
<b>Mid term 9/03</b>	29	32	31	5	25	13	11	21	20	11	30	21	9	14	14	5	6	9
<b>1st Quarter 10/02</b>				34	44	25	22	35	25	21	60	33	8	12	7	7	21	15
<b>1st Quarter 10/03</b>	31	36	30	13	17	17	5	25	17	9	34	22	5	18	15	1	6	7
<b>Mid term 11/02</b>				32	35	17	20	35	11	27	46	16	8	16	6	11	27	7
<b>Mid term 12/03</b>	20	37	18	11	25	19	12	29	20	17	43	24	7	22	15	9	12	10
<b>Semester 1/03</b>				14	47	21	14	46	23	21	72	32	3	23	12	6	29	15
<b>Semester 1/04</b>	21	27	18	16	19	20	11	29	18	20	53	28	5	27	14	3	12	11
<b>3rd Quarter 3/03</b>				18	35	23	30	29	24	33	51	31	7	21	13	7	26	20
<b>3rd Quarter 3/04</b>	14	28	20	15	42	25	9	35	25	19	54	28	8	20	15	0	1	1

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