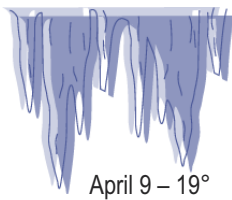


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## School board hires next year's staff, discusses next year's budget, and signage

The board of the Faulkton Area Schools met on Monday, April 9, in regular session. The major items of note for this board meeting were the hiring of a new K-12 music teacher, offering next year's contracts to current staff, discussion on next year's preliminary budget and the setting or changing of policy regarding the senior trip or prom. Also they discussed a plan for erecting a large electronic sign on school grounds.

The meeting began after the Pledge of Allegiance was said, and Supt. Joel Price noted that the school had new U.S. flags for both the exterior flagpole and the boardroom. Price ordered the flags after the exterior flag shredded again because of wind damage, after a previous repair. While he was ordering a replacement he ordered a second for the boardroom so the board would not focus on the tiny novelty American flag planted in his potted office plant to say the pledge.

The board then approved the minutes of their last meeting as well as the finance reports for

the previous month and the payment of the current bills.

Price then forwarded to the board recognition from high school principal and athletic director Craig Cassens a number of students to be specially recognized before the board. The FHS girls basketball team, members of the one act play cast and crew, and the small group vocal ensemble had all been recognized by the South Dakota High School Activities Association for academic excellence, each member of these groups having a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Next the board voted to accept the resignation of custodian Tim Gates, effective March 29. Price said that the position is being listed with the South Dakota Department of Labor and advertised in the Faulk County Record.

Next the board discussed the resignation of Shae Stephenson as assistant girls basketball coach effective June 2012. Board member Kelly Aesoph proposed an executive session to discuss this item, and the board voted to

do so. When they opened their doors again they voted to accept Stephenson's resignation, and noted that if open coaching positions are not filled, then they will invoke their "other duties as assigned" clause of the negotiated teaching contracts. Both head coach and assistant coach for girl's basketball are open for the coming year.

The board went back into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Coming out of executive session, the board entertained the motion to offer contracts to Shae Stephenson, Amy Carlson, Laura Cassens, Brice Cunningham, Linda Demery, Sandra Ernst, Melissa Geditz, Shayne Geditz, Kari Haberling, Alicia Hammond, Melissa Hayes, Nancy Heidenreich, Leonard Kleinsasser, Dorie Kay Koska, Michele Latt, Nichole Melius, Jody Moritz, Wanda Reid, Norby Reuer, Mary Schlechter, Chad Spicer, Mike Stahl, Sarah Lambert, Randy Tisher, Vanessa Bowman, Sharon Wieseler, Diana Homan, Jennifer Knecht, and Judy

Montonye. First checking with Supt. Price for proper procedure, board member Grady Heitmann proposed an amendment to the motion that would strike Norby Reuer from that list. The amendment was seconded by Kelly Aesoph and the amendment was passed with Diane Beidler casting a dissenting vote. Beidler again cast a dissenting vote to approve the contract renewal motion with the amendment.

Inserting an item into the agenda Price said that he and Cassens had interviewed and selected an applicant for the open position of the K-12 music teacher. Price said that Joshua Reed, who has a MA in music was specifically looking to move to the Dakotas.

Both he and Mr. Cassens had interviewed Reed and agreed that he was the right person for the job. Price asked for the board to approve the hiring and they voted to do so.

The board then approved to offer work agreements to the current classified staff and also to offer a work agreement to

Theresa Edgar as the competition cheer coach for the 2012-13 school year.

Supt. Price then outlined for the board the current preliminary budget for the 2012-13 school year. He outlined several items that the school would need for next year including the technology budget for new laptops, maintenance materials, their lease on the new gym facilities, busing, and sports equipment needs. He then handed the floor to Principal Cassens who brought forward the plan for a digital sign to be placed in the school north parking lot, explaining it to the school board as he had to the city council. Though Cassens did not have final numbers, he estimated that the project to get the sign up would run a cost of \$35 thousand. With funding the school had laid aside and other funding sources he estimated they would need about \$10,000 in additional dollars to get the project paid for.

Generally the board seemed **School Board**  
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## Faulkton has two finalists for Dakota Rising project

The Faulkton Area Development Corporation, a local group working to cultivate entrepreneurs, strengthen businesses and sustain our community through Dakota Rising, has announced the name of the Entrepreneur Fellowship finalists for this area.

Cindy Kopecky, The Potting Shed and Kelly Melius, Common Sense Manufacturing Inc. are among the statewide finalists for this year's Dakota Rising Fellowship awards.

Each of the finalists will be given the opportunity to work with mentors to refine their fellowship plan, focusing on business and personal growth to accelerate the growth of their businesses.

Dakota Rising Entrepreneur Fellows receive:

- Contact with mentors, professional development professionals, a peer advisory board and focused technical assistance.
- \$10,000 to be used for professional development and business growth.
- Access to a Fellowship community of South Dakota entrepreneurs focused on growing their businesses.

"Dakota Rising finalists reflect the innovative and dynamic business energy that exists in our state," said Beth Davis, president of Dakota Resources, the economic and leadership development organization administering Dakota Rising. "Providing resources for local entrepreneurs can be the vital spark needed to strengthen the economic base in South Dakota communities."

Joel Price is the Dakota Rising coordinator for the Faulkton Area Development Corporation.

"The Dakota Rising program has broadened our horizons as a positive force for economic development in rural South Dakota. Dakota Rising brought the tools, talent, and people together in one place to maximize the potential necessary for rural communities to maintain, strengthen and grow small businesses like The Potting Shed and Common Sense Manufacturing Inc.," Price said.

For more information, contact Joel Price, 605-770-4003, email: [imprice@venturecomm.net](mailto:imprice@venturecomm.net) or Dakota Resources at 605-987-2804 or e-mail: [info@dakotaresources.org](mailto:info@dakotaresources.org).

## RECORD NOTES

### Weather

	H	L	P
Tues., April 3	61	26	
Wed., April 4	64	33	
Thurs., April 5	68	39	
Fri., April 6	67	36	
Sat., April 7	58	32	
Sun., April 8	62	26	
Mon., April 9	51	19	

Tom and Linda went to Florida to see the Twins and it didn't snow!

Tom Bartholomew, Observer

The total amount of moisture in 2012 is 1.32. Total moisture to date in 2011 was 5.74.

For current weather conditions: [climate.sdstate.edu/awdn/current/realtime.asp](http://climate.sdstate.edu/awdn/current/realtime.asp)



## They don't make 'em like this anymore

by Garrick Moritz

**Note:** While doing our story on Cherry Fraiser for the art show a few weeks back, Eugene and Cherry proudly showed off their new car, or new to them. This 1950 two door Pontiac is almost a reverse carbon copy of their first car. Cherry Fraiser opened an old photo album to explain.

"When we were first married we had this beautiful 1950 Pontiac two door that was just like this one, only it was tan and white, not white and tan like our new one. It was a beautiful car, and we really loved it. Here we

are getting into it after our wedding. We traded it off in 1961 because our family was getting going then, and we needed a larger family car."

"But ever since we sold it, we wanted it back, or at least another one just like it. Twenty-three years ago we looked at buying this exact car in fact, from someone down in Kansas City. In the end though we couldn't justify the purchase and so we let it go. From there it went to Washington and then to California and then to Las

Vegas. We found it using the internet and Eugene and our son Dale drove down, straight through together to Vegas to buy it and bring it home. It was the second time this car came into our lives, and I guess it was just meant to be.

"It's all original," said Eugene Fraiser. "All the upholstery, everything, and it has only 41 thousand miles on it. And the old gal doesn't get bad gas mileage either, between 25 and 28 miles per gallon I figured, coming back from Vegas."