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News from the Superintendent...

Central Heights has an at-large school board position open. School board members play a very important role. They provide leadership for the district in many ways. Please contact Jerrica McCarty, Board Clerk, if you are interested in this opportunity. Jerrica can be reached at (785)869-3455, extension 201. Mrs. McCarty's email address is jmccarty@usd288.org.

The end of the first nine weeks is fast approaching. The last day of the nine weeks is Thursday, October 15. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 19 and Thursday, October 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Parent teacher conferences should be seen as an opportunity for parents, students, and teachers to work together to improve student performance. The best conferences that I have experienced were those that involved the student. Very little can get achieved if the student is not on board. Student-led conferences help students take responsibility of their own learning, reflect on what they have learned, and set goals for themselves.

Involving students in conferences is not without its challenges. Older students may prefer not to analyze their performance. It is easier for a parent to return home from conferences and tell the student to keep up the good work or to try harder. With a nod of the head, the student's work is done. Parents have to be persistent. Don't let the conversation end when the older student shrugs his or her shoulders.

Elementary students might not be able to analyze their achievement like older students. Parents might have to simplify the process. It is also common for

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Elementary My Dear Mr. Hinojosa

Dear Parents/Guardians

I have really enjoyed the start of the school year. Everyone seems to be working hard everyday.

On October 2nd the PTO is providing our elementary students with a movie night. It should be a good time. On October 6th it will be McTeacher's Night at McDonalds in Ottawa. Please stop by and help support our school. The proceeds from this event will go towards field trips and rewards for our students. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

We are nearing our annual Parent-Teacher Conference in October. The last 3 years we have reached 100% attendance. We want to strive for that again. Please help us reach our goal by setting up a time that fits your schedule. The students earn a reward for this each year. We can relate our test scores to not only the hard work the teachers put into the lessons, but the fact that we have concerned parents involved in their student's education. One hundred percent is hardly heard of, especially in consecutive years. We have a special

thing going on here and we would like for this to be a tradition. Thank you for making sure you attend this conference.

Please help review your student's homework and planner. Communication with the teacher is essential and will open doors to great things. If you are involved in your student's academics, they will reap the rewards of all the



Students join in 70s Spirit Day

hard-work everyone puts in to their education.

Please contact me if you have any questions. My door is always open for you.

Sincerely

Luis Hinojosa, Principal
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Internet Information Services from Central Heights

Central Heights utilizes PowerSchool as its student management system. PowerSchool can be a very helpful tool. Parents and students can monitor classroom grades. The system can also send emails summarizing your student's grades to you. In addition, the student meal account balance is available.

If you are interested in finding out how to use PowerSchool, contact Bob Stegner at (785) 869-3455, ext. 202. He can also be reached at rstegner@usd288.org.

Activities Program

Preschool News

We are off to a great start this year. We are making new friends, learning our letters, our numbers, our colors, and our shapes. We know many finger plays and songs by now, and are getting really



good at finding our way around the building. We all brought apples from home and made some

again last week and made some applesauce and oatmeal cookies. We LOVE our new friends! They are all so nice to us. We have been studying science and have some bean seeds planted, along with 2 coal gardens in our room. We have plans to plant some daffodil bulbs by our back door. We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to the Kice family for



applesauce after we looked at the star inside the apples. It smelled and tasted delicious! When we studied the letter B, we went to Ms. Vail's room.

Nutrition and Wellness class in the high school and made banana wraps with some new friends. We went back there

donating the Little Tykes play-ground equipment.

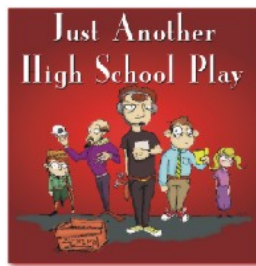
We are too small to play on the school's equipment because it was designed for 5-12 year olds. We are very excited to have something of our own now! We would like to thank Mrs. Douglas for helping us out; she is very good to give us an extra hand when we need it.



Is It Really Just Another High School Play?

What would happen if we produced a high school play and no one showed up to rehearsals? The Central Heights community will find out the answer to that question on November 13 and 14 at 7 P.M. in the CH Little Theater. The comedy Just Another High School Play presents a fast paced group of actors trying to keep an audience entertained for the length of a play. Difficulties arise since none of the actors memorized their lines, and they did not come to their rehearsals, the Stage Manager and the Assistant Director, played by Amber Weiderholt and Dakota Yohe, try to keep the show moving despite the fact that the show's director is missing on opening night.

The result is a frantic race through a warped lesson in the history of theater, an outrageous look at actors preparing backstage, and wild glimpses of classi-



cal plays presented in formats from mime to puppet show. This show has something for everyone.

The supporting cast for the show includes Braden McWilliams, Dana Schulz, Jon Carlson, Alex Kimball, JD Johnson, Bobby Loudon, Katelyn Meldahl, Cody Sluder, Alicia Croci, Gage Holler, Brett Robertson, Jake Green, Renee Gragg, Keith Shrimpton, Jennifer Hamblin, Brytani Lyda, Samantha Lambert, Liz Loudon, Jessie Wilks, Josie Fermyn, Christina Mayhew, Malissa Carey, Nastasja Carlson, Ariel Lambert, Trieleshia Burns, Bethany Dewald, Marissa Lowery, and Taylor Feuerborn.

Students are in currently in rehearsal every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Mrs. Hampton, the play's director, just hopes the cast shows up, and they all hope that you show up to see the play.

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younger children to forget about the new goals or strategies like "no television until all homework is finished." Parents may find it helpful to list strategies in a location where students can see them. Signs can remind students of goals or rules that will help them achieve the goals set as a result of parent teacher conferences.

Finally, parents should praise students for achievement on particular projects or specific classes. Ignoring the good things the child has done will not be helpful.

Students, parents and teachers can work together to make parent-teacher conferences a valuable tool.

Jim Reece, Superintendent
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**2nd Annual
Community Service Day
October 7, 2009**

Students getting involved in your community.
Does your town need some muscle?
Does someone need some help?
Contact Brenda Wadkins (High School Office)
With your projects or ideas.
785-869-3555 ext 401

District Office: Food Service

The Food Service Department takes great pride in preparing and serving the meals here at Central Heights. The ladies in our kitchen are here early each morning and work non-stop to make sure the students have a great breakfast and lunch. Did you know that Central Heights is one of the few schools who still make their own bread and rolls? Enchiladas and pigs in a blanket are made from scratch as well. This is quite an accomplishment when you're cooking for over 500 people.

The students at Central Heights are familiar with the faces of the Food Service Team, especially the elementary students. It's funny to see their faces when you run into them outside of the cafeteria. They recognize us but we all tend to look a little different without aprons and head covers. Whether at a Wal-Mart or a high school football game, the kids will see one of us and tell their parents "Hey, she's my lunch lady!"

The Food Service Staff consists of Glenda Johnston, kitchen manager, Debbie Kimball, Debbie Horne, April Fisher-Lickteig, Melanie Dionne, Stephanie Hamblin, and Barb Pryor. Our substitute is Trenice Johnson. I am very proud of my team. It's a pleasure to work with them.

I wanted to remind everyone that free or reduced meal applications can be filled out at any time during the year. This is a wonderful program that can benefit your family and the school district. You can contact me at 785-869-3455, ext 207 if you have any questions.

Finally, you are welcome to have lunch with your child anytime. The students enjoy having their parents or grandparents sit next to them during their lunch time. Please contact the office if you plan on eating with your child.

Dawn Burns, Food Service Director
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Greek Day

The 12th Grade English class at Central Heights recently traveled back in time to ancient Greece for a day of drama, food, and togas. The students studied the Greek tragedy Antigone, and then researched the presentation that such a drama might have had in ancient Greece. Students in teams prepared a menu, designed a backdrop, researched costumes and masks, and acted out a scene from the drama they had studied. The costumers put each of their classmates in a toga; the foods committee served Greek pizza, baklava, honey-cheese pie, and kabobs among other Greek delights. The students then settled back to watch a scene from the story of Antigone. It was a day to remember.



Pictures

(upper left)
Julie Sayler assists
Tim Reiffenrath with
his toga.

(upper right)
Several students and
Mrs. Hampton work
their way through the
Greek food bar.



(lower right))
Kaden Brock and
Amber Weiderholt
create a Greek
"tragedy."

(lower left)
Michelle Prater and
Braden McWilliams
act out the famous
Greek tragedy Anti-
gone.

Counselors Corner

Scholarships

Scholarship bulletins will be posted on the school's website. Paper copies will be distributed to juniors and seniors. Also, a listing of a number of scholarships that have been offered in past years is posted on the website. Students are encouraged to do a scholarship

Search. Simply google "scholarship search engines" on the computer, you'll get a number of possibilities. Remember, scholarships aren't just for seniors in high school. A number of scholarships and contests for scholarship monies are available for freshmen through senior.

PSAT/NMSQT - Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test

The PSAT will be given to interested juniors on Wednesday, October 14 at the beginning of school in the CHHS Library. Cost for the exam is \$13. Juniors need to register with the counselor prior to October 14 by bringing in payment. Fee waivers are available to qualifying juniors. Juniors were given PSAT guides on September 29. Some schools will give the PSAT on Saturday, October 17. A junior who cannot test on October 14 should see Mrs. Allen to arrange Saturday testing at another school.

The PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for eleventh graders. It is also the National Achievement Program Qualifying Test for African-American students, and the National Hispanic Achievement Program Qualifying Test. The results of the PSAT are not sent to colleges. The test is designed to be a no-risk exposure to the SAT and is good practice for the ACT.

The Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a two hour and ten minute version of the SAT.

It is administered only **once** during the school year and consists of 3 parts: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing.

The test provides an excellent practice for students preparing for the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT. Scores on the PSAT can be used in predicting what a student will do on college entrance exams. In order to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Achievement Scholarship Program and the National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program, the PSAT must be taken in the junior year. Some company scholarships require a PSAT score to compete for their scholarships. Parents of Juniors are encouraged to check with your company to see if the PSAT is required for your student. A listing of corporate scholarships that require the PSAT is in the PSAT guide which was given to your junior. For more information on the PSAT or National Merit, go to the following web sites:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

<http://www.nationalmerit.org/>

2009-2010 ACT Assessment Tests Schedule


Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Oct. 24, '09	Sept. 18, '09	Oct. 2, '09
Dec. 12, '09	Nov. 6, '09	Nov. 20, '09
Feb. 6, '10	Jan. 5, '10	Jan. 15, '10
Apr. 10, '10	March 5, '10	Mar. 19, '10
Jun. 12, '10	May 7, '10	May 21, '10

**Central Heights is now on Twitter at
<http://twitter.com/USD288>**

H1N1 Update

Central Heights is encouraging staff and parents to follow the guidelines, given below, recommended by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Additional USD 288 virus prevention measures in place include:

- Good hygiene habits are being reinforced to students at school.
- High traffic areas such as desks, doorknobs, drinking fountains and computer keyboards are being disinfected regularly.
- Students will be sent home when they have flu like symptoms or if they return to school and have not been fever free with a temperature below 100 degrees for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication. Students exhibiting flu like symptoms will wait in an isolated area such as the health office until parents arrive to pick them up.

 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT Division of Health	<i>Mark Parkinson, Governor</i> <i>Roderick L. Bremby, Secretary</i> www.kdheks.gov
<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>As you probably know by now, a new type of influenza (flu) is currently being seen in Kansas and throughout the United States. Because the novel H1N1 flu virus (referred to as “swine flu” early on) was not seen until earlier this year, no one has natural resistance against it. In a short time the virus has spread to more than 160 countries in every continent, and in June 2009, the World Health Organization declared that a pandemic – a global epidemic – had begun.</p> <p>Fortunately, illness from this virus is usually mild and only lasts a few days; although in some cases severe disease and death can result. So far, most cases have occurred in children and young adults and some of those have needed hospitalization.</p> <p>The symptoms of this flu are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu. They include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have also reported diarrhea and vomiting. People with other medical problems, and women who are pregnant, are at especially high risk of serious complications.</p> <p>Schools can be easy places for flu viruses to spread. State and local public health officials are working closely with your school district now to take steps that will limit the spread of the pandemic virus. Parents must do their part to keep the virus out of Kansas schools, so that no schools are forced to close because of outbreaks</p>	

of this infection.

Here is what your school needs you, and all parents, to do:

- Keep children who are sick at home. Don't send them to school or take them anywhere else, except to receive needed medical care. Ill children should stay home until they are fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medicine like Tylenol or Ibuprofen) for 24 hours or more.
- Plan for the possibility that you will be called to bring your child home from school if he or she gets sick while in school. Schools are setting aside special "sick rooms" for students who show signs of illness, until they are taken home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and insist that your children do the same. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing, and see that your children follow your example. Alcohol-based hand cleaners will also work. This year all schools will make sure that children have the time and places to wash their hands often during the school day.
- Remind children to avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Make sure that your children practice other good health habits. See that they get plenty of sleep, get exercise, drink plenty of fluids, and eating healthy foods.
- Get your child vaccinated for seasonal flu soon. See that your child receives the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available in the fall.
- Stay informed. Watch for information from your child's school. Other resources can be found at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's special H1N1 flu webpage:

<http://www.kdheks.gov/H1N1/index.htm>. More information can be found here: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/general_info.htm from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If you have questions about H1N1 flu, please contact your school nurse or family's usual healthcare provider. You can also get more information from your local public health department. Thank you for working together with your school and your community to slow down the spread of pandemic flu in Kansas.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD, MPH
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Director of Health, KDHE



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H1N1 Update – September 3, 2009

In recent weeks there has been much interest in “a case of H1N1 in Franklin County”. There also appears to be confusion about the importance of the numbers of cases confirmed in the county or the state. For those reasons, I would like to share the following information.

From the disease surveillance efforts carried out this summer, we know that the new H1N1 subtype of influenza A is circulating in the state. Early sub-typing to determine if the influenza strain present was novel H1N1 or another subtype was important in order to establish the transmission and characteristics of this new strain. The case counts reported were based upon *laboratory confirmed* cases submitted to the state. Most cases are never submitted, therefore the number of cases is underestimated in the case count reports published by KDHE and CDC.

We know that of the influenza A cases tested in July/August, that 97% were sub-typed as novel H1N1; as of September 1, 2009 the percentage of Influenza A cases sub-typed as novel H1N1 was 99%.

It is estimated that over 10,000 Kansans have already been infected and recovered from novel H1N1.

KDHE and CDC have stopped testing every potential case and have stopped reporting probable or confirmed cases of novel H1N1. Reporting the county of residence for the infected individual was reported only to illustrate the spread and so that public health could investigate the transmission of the illness. This is no longer necessary since it is circulating widely. Only random testing is being done now to estimate how much of the influenza being seen is the new strain versus strains that have been circulating in prior years and to monitor any changes in the virus. Physicians may test an individual patient for Influenza A or B in order to distinguish between Influenza and other diseases. This information may influence treatment decisions. It will not be sub-typed at a medical provider's office.

It is probable that much of the influenza-like-illness circulating currently in Franklin County is novel H1N1.

Most individuals with the novel H1N1 influenza A virus have experienced mild to moderate symptoms. For most people it is NOT more dangerous than other types of influenza. Every year, 36,000 people may die of complications from Seasonal Influenza.

The primary differences between novel H1N1 and seasonal influenza are as follows:

It is more infectious for younger people than seasonal influenza and seen less in those age 65 and over.

People have experienced more gastrointestinal illness than with seasonal influenza.

The risk of complications from novel H1N1 is higher for pregnant women and young children and young people with underlying health conditions, such as asthma. The risk of complications from seasonal influenza is higher among the older population and those with chronic underlying illness.

Prevention and treatment of novel H1N1 is the same as for the “seasonal” strains. If you or someone you care for is ill, follow simple rules. Drink plenty of fluids. Stay home and away from others to limit the spread of illness. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, throw it away and then wash your hands. Get plenty of rest.

If you a “high-risk” person, it is better to see a doctor earlier rather than later. If an ill person becomes listless, dehydrated or recovers from a fever and then they have a fever again a few days later, see a medical provider.

PLEASE NOTE: Franklin County Health Department has heard of private labs testing for H1N1. This is *not* recommended because knowing the sub-type doesn’t change the treatment or prevention of H1N1. Further, this testing is not validated through CDC and is very expensive.

Novel H1N1 is the flu. Take normal precautions associated with any influenza. For more information contact the health department at 229-3530, visit our web site at www.franklincoks.org/healthdepartment or check out the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at www.kdheks.gov

To Kill A Mockingbird: Change of Schedule / Play-ful Experience
By Cortney Kinyon

Rarely do we deviate from our known comfort zones. However, this year, I am deviating from tried-and-true lesson plans. I am not deviating just to throw the proverbial wrench in iron works. On the contrary, I am deviating to help the students.

Usually, the sophomores read Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel To Kill a Mockingbird in February after they have spent a semester increasing their reading skills. This year, the students will read To Kill a Mockingbird during September and October because on October 14, 2009 they will have the opportunity to attend a live performance of To Kill a Mockingbird performed by local actors. ACT Ottawa is hosting a student matinee of this well-loved classic for only \$1 per student. The play will be performed at Ottawa's Courthouse. All students will need to bring their admission money early. Since we will also stop for lunch after the play in Ottawa, students will need to bring lunch money if they want to eat lunch out. They are not required to purchase lunch. They can bring a sack lunch if they wish.

Board Chair Recognized

USD 288 Central Heights recognized one board member at its September meeting for his accomplishments in the Kansas Association of School Boards' Boardmanship Academy.

Ron Sluder received an award from KASB by earning points for attending continuing education courses from KASB.

Sluder achieved Level I status and was awarded a specially designed certificate. Board members must accumulate 50 points to achieve Level I status.

This is the 24th year of the KASB Boardmanship Academy that encourages school board members to seek continuing education to help them become better board members. KASB sponsors workshops and seminars throughout the year at which school board members receive points based on the length and content of each seminar. The points are totaled at the end of the program year and awards are presented to board members who receive at least 50 points.

"It is crucial that school board members seek ways to be informed of the ever-changing status of public education," said John Koepke, KASB executive director. "We hope to show concerned citizens, the Legislature and other taxpayers, that school board members are both informed about the issues and conscientious about their duties to the children of this state."

Booster Club Updates

Another school year has started and it seems like we are all "off and running". Congratulations to the volleyball, cross-country, and football teams. You are all started in the right direction. Keep up the good work!!!

We are now on the CHS home page! This is where we will keep you informed of what's going on with the Booster Club, in addition to this newsletter. Our membership form, calendar of events, contact information, and scholarship application is located on our tab.

Our Taco Salad Dinner, Silent Auction, and Dance will be held at the Richmond Community Building, Saturday, October 17. We will be serving a Taco Salad Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. followed by a dance featuring "Bits-N-Pieces" from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. In between the dinner and dance, we will close our silent auction bidding and maybe even offer some live auction items. The Taco Salad Dinner includes the taco salad, home-made dessert, and drinks for \$5.00. The entry fee for the dance is \$3.00 individual and \$5.00 for a couple.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Booster Club and have questions, you can either email me: seyleraudra@yahoo.com or call me at 785-418-3917.

Audra Seyler, President
aseyler@mail.franklincoks.org
785-418-3917

PTO New School Year

By now, students, and staff should have all received their new 2009-2010 Central Heights T-shirts. This is the 3rd year PTO has been able to order these shirts. We truly appreciate the generous sponsors who make this possible!

Thanks to everyone who stopped by and bought funnel cakes from the PTO Fall Fundraiser at the Homecoming Game! Also a big thanks to the volunteers for all your hard work!

PTO uses money from events like these to fund many projects over the year, including the upcoming Movie Night and Skate Night. Both of these activities will be free to students and their families.

Elementary Movie Night is planned for October 2 at 6:30P.M. in the multipurpose room. We will have a new release movie, popcorn and drinks. Feel free to wear your PJs and bring a pillow and/or blanket. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Ottawa Fire Department will be visiting the school to do a presentation for the students during Fire Prevention Week, October 5-9.

Mark your calendars for the Elementary Skate Night. It is scheduled for Nov. 12 at The Rink in Ottawa.

Our next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 5th at 6:30P.M. in the Elementary Library. Feel free to come and see what PTO is all about!

Sara Brown, President
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785-878-3563

Upcoming Events

October 2- 6:30-8:30P.M.- Movie Night- PTO is sponsoring a Pajama party with popcorn and a movie. Look for information coming home soon.

October 5-9- Fire Prevention Week- Presentation by Ottawa Fire Department

Quilting with "Everyday Use" On Hold

With deviation of plans, we will not be able to do our quilting project until closer to November. Thank you to all CHHS supporters who donated fabric and thread to help make this lesson a success. I will keep it safe until November. Please do not worry! We will quilt before Christmas!

SPECIAL THANKS!

Please help me thank a group of very special people at CHHS who donated fabric to help the students make blocks for the "Everyday Use" Quilt project. Louise Landon, Jennifer Stuart, Reita Olberding, Maxine Mason, and Becky Savage donated a variety of fabric and thread for the students to use while they assembled their blocks for our class quilt. Please if you see them, thank them for their support of CHHS! We could not do what we do without you!

Cortney Kinyon

MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING-BOARD OF EDUCATION-CENTRAL
HEIGHTS USD #288-RICHMOND, KS-FRANKLIN COUNTY-SEPTEMBER
21ST, 2009-7:00PM.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with Ron Sluder presiding.

Members Present: Gene Schaefer, Ron Sluder, Rick Pryor, Angie Wiederholt, and Jack Davis. Absent: David Mitchell

Employees Present: Jim Reece, Jerrica McCarty, Bud Schaub, Bob Stegner, Tom Horstick, Bud Welch, and Luis Hinojosa.

A motion by Gene Schaefer, 2nd Rick Pryor to approve the regular and consent agendas as amended. Passed 4-0

The Board would like to thank Gary Smith for his 3 years of service to the district and wish him well in retirement.

Bud Schaub presented the Treasurer's report. 7:03 p.m.

A motion by Gene Schaefer, 2nd Rick Pryor to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Passed 4-0

Bob Stegner gave the Technology report. 7:04 p.m.

Jack Davis arrives. 7:05 pm.

No Facility report.

Bud Welch, Luis Hinojosa, and Tom Horstick gave their building level reports.

Mrs. Raby presented the Limeades for Learning donation.

A motion by Angie Wiederholt, 2nd Rick Pryor to approve the money donated to the music department by Limeades for Learning. Passed 5-0

Jim Reece gave the Superintendent report going over expenditures and upcoming projects. 7:19 pm.

A motion by Gene Schaefer, 2nd Angie Wiederholt to approve the August 2009 expenditures as presented. Passed 5-0 7:41 pm.

A motion by Rick Pryor, 2nd Gene Schaefer to go into executive session personnel to include the BOE and Superintendent for 20 minutes. Passed 5-0 7:42 pm.

7:58 pm. Open session resumed.

A motion by Rick Pryor, 2nd Jack Davis to offer Kenny Teter the Head Maintenance position at the salary of \$34,000. Passed 5-0

A motion by Gene Schaefer, 2nd Angie Wiederholt to approve the hiring of Joy Miller for the Title I Para educator at \$8.75 starting wage. Passed 5-0

A motion by Gene Schaefer, 2nd Angie Wiederholt to approve the presented job descriptions with the revised dates. Passed 5-0 8:02 pm.

A motion by Ron Sluder, 2nd Angie Wiederholt to extend and republish the open board position 30 days and two letters of interest are collected. Passed 4-1

A motion by Gene Schaefer, 2nd Rick Pryor to adjourn. Passed 5-0 8:31 p.m.

What's New in FFA

Central Heights FFA has been very busy this year. We started off the year by putting up hay on July 18. The FFA put up countless bales of hay. However there are still a couple hundred square bales, as well as 50 round bales left for purchase. Please contact Mr. Cubit or Mr. Page if you are interested.

The first event of the school year was a meeting and a watermelon feed on August 28. Officers were elected for the Friends of the FFA and the District Schedule of Events was distributed (anyone who would like a schedule please see Mr. Page or Mr. Cubit). The watermelon feed was a huge success with over 25 families attending. There was also a parent vs. student softball game between the attendants. It was a competition filled night and fun for all.

Our chapter also attended Land Judging for the first time on September 16 . "I think they did very well," says Mr. Page

who took the group. "They put an extreme amount of effort into it." Regional Land Judging is on October 1 and the team has high hopes.

One area that our chapter is definitely sufficient in is community involvement. Our chapter has already volunteered our services at the Tractor Show earlier this month. We also worked, cleaning up after the Car Show the weekend of the 20th to raise funds for our chapter.

Upcoming events include the Greenhand Conference on September 23. We are taking 21 Greenhands from the two Into. to Ag. classes. Day on the farm will be hosted by Ottawa this year on October 6 for the elementary students. A week later, on the October 13 is district dairy judging. All interested FFA members are strongly encouraged to come!

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