Holyoke School District Re-1J's superintendent vacancy was posted this week by Colorado Association of School Baords (CASB), who is assisting with the superintendent search.

CASB representative Bob Cito was in Holyoke last week, gathering input to assist in the process.

Application deadline for the superintendent position is Friday, April 17, with interviews to be conducted Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2.

Qualifications are cited on the CASB web site for Holyoke's superintendent. Among the list is the candidate must hold or be eligible to hold a valid Colorado administrator's license.

The board is offering a minimum salary of $90,000, housing is provided, plus a comprehensive benefits package is included.

Cito met with the Board of Education in a work session Tuesday, March 17, and on Wednesday gained input from three different groups: accountability committees from both buildings, staff and the community.

Four questions were posed to each group in order for Cito to assist in the superintendent search.

He first asked the groups to describe the community, then the schools. He asked for descriptions of the biggest challenges facing the district and finally, the qualities those in attendance want to see in a superintendent.

A summary of the compilation of those answers from the four different sessions will be given to the district and reported in next week's Enterprise.

After the interview process is completed in early May, the school board can either offer a contract, reopen the position for applications, obtain further information on a couple of the candidates or perhaps decide that an interim superintendent would be the best option.

Cito emphasized the district pays CASB one fee until a superintendent is on board. "We're here to help the district find the right person," he added.