

Holyoke School District finalizes roofing contract

Written by Brenda Johnson Brandt

Contracts with Front Range Roofing have been finalized by Holyoke School District Re-1J for BEST grant construction this summer. Progress on the construction process was detailed by Supt. Bret Miles at the March 20 meeting of the Holyoke School Board.

Roofers will be in Holyoke May 10 to walk the site and prepare for the summer work.

Supt. Miles said some work may begin before school is out to meet the timeline of being cleaned up and out before school starts next fall. As a result, it is likely the JR/SR high staff parking lot and the east side of the elementary school may not be available to teachers for the last couple of weeks of the school year as materials and equipment begin to arrive.

Miles reported preliminary drawings from the mechanical engineer for the electrical, boiler and fire alarm upgrades arrived March 20.

On March 27, the district was scheduled to interview general contractors and to review the internet infrastructure and security proposals.

One grant awarded the district is for the entire elementary school roof and the roof over the original high school. A second grant has a new boiler (heat) system for the elementary school, electrical upgrades to both buildings and new fire alarm systems in both buildings.

Aside from the grant work, Supt. Miles said the district intends to use funds from the 2010 3B mill levy election which were designated for capital improvements for upgrades to internet accessibility and upgrades to security equipment in both buildings.

Performance plan updates presented by principals

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Elementary Principal Kyle Stumpf and JR/SR High Principal Susan Ortner updated the board about their narratives for the 2012 School Performance Plans.

They will bring the entire School Performance Plans to the April 3 board meeting, and the entire plan is due to the Colorado Dept. of Education April 15.

Principals highlighted work of the staff in determining root causes, identifying possible solutions, creating a timeline and setting measurable targets.

Root causes identified by the elementary school staff included K-6 essential skills, interventions and K-6 writing program.

JR/SR High root causes include improve paragraph writing, time needed for critical thinking and vocabulary deficits.

Other business

In other business at the March 20 meeting, the Re-1J board:

—acknowledged gifts to the district. The Leland Trust and Heginbotham Trust each provided one full scholarship for a student to attend the 8th-9th grade Washington D.C. trip this summer. Additionally, PC Telcom gave a cash donation to cover a magic box upgrade used in the TV Productions class and Ballyneal gave funds for HHS golf teams.

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—approved first reading of two Section G policies on professional staff recruiting/hiring and support staff recruiting/hiring.

—approved first reading of 32 Section I policies/regulations on instruction. The policies approved were ones that were straight forward and not open for many local decisions.

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