

Science teacher hired for 2013-14

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Havilah Andersen was hired for the Holyoke JR/SR High School life science position at the July 16 meeting of the Re-1J Board of Education.

Andersen has a bachelor's degree in athletic training from Brigham Young University. The degree includes 34 science credit hours. She is currently working to become certified in secondary science.

She will enter the BOCES alternative licensure program following a successful PLACE exam. In the meantime, she will work under an emergency license.

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Construction progresses

Reiterating some of the information shared at the track open house just prior to the board meeting, Superintendent Bret Miles said two of the four concrete pours were complete as of that time.

He said at this point they're on schedule to have the surface ready for the Aug. 30 home football game with Perkins County, Neb.

Miles also gave progress reports on 15 other summer construction projects going on throughout the district.

These included dual switch lights, elementary ceiling fans, air conditioning servers, science lab upgrade, elementary classroom doors, keyless entry, snowmelt old gym, restroom upgrades, metal siding, sprinklers, controls system, exterior doors at the elementary school, old gym interior doors, concrete and carpet.

Initial extra-duty assignments approved

Extra-duty assignments were approved for 2013-14, based on completion of paperwork. Coaches who didn't have the required paperwork completed are expected to be approved at the Aug. 6 meeting after their necessary paperwork is turned in.

Compensation for extra-duty for 2013-14 includes \$9,306 for athletic director, \$3,602 for head HS/JH wrestling coach, \$2,213.50 for assistant HS/JH wrestling coaches, \$3,102 for other head HS coaches, \$1,861 for assistant HS coaches and HS spiritleader coach, \$1,825 for head JH coaches, \$1,241 for assistant JH coaches and JH spiritleader coach, \$3,102 for band director and play director and \$932 for choir director and musical.

Additionally, a stipend is yet to be determined for a fall, winter and spring athletic trainer.

Those who have completed their paperwork and were approved for extra-duty assignments follow:

John Zilla, head HS football; Merle Powell and Dusty McConnell, assistant HS football; Nic Balog, assistant HS football (\$1,000); Michelle Vieselmeyer, head HS volleyball; Scott Dille, head HS boys' basketball; Ben Rahe, assistant HS boys' basketball; Arlan Scholl, head HS girls' basketball; Kia Kassman, assistant HS girls' basketball; Dusty McConnell, assistant HS/JH wrestling.

Luke Thomas, head HS boys' and girls' track; Cindi Beavers and Kia Kassman, assistant HS track; John Zilla, head HS baseball; Marcus Kammer, assistant HS baseball; Ashley Clayton, head HS girls' softball; Kendra Schlachter, assistant HS softball; Stefan Betley, assistant HS boys' golf volunteer; Jane Zink, HS spiritleader.

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Jordan Stone, head JH volleyball; Scott Dille, assistant JH volleyball; Nic Balog, assistant JH boys' basketball; Josh Rahe, head JH girls' basketball; Jordan Stone, assistant JH girls' basketball; Jordan Stone, head JH boys'/girls' track; Jane Zink, JH spiritleader coach.

Sandra Rahe, athletic director; Kendra Schlachter, fall, winter and spring athletic trainer; Miko Martinez, band director; Marcia Dalton, choir director; Eric Conklin, play director; and Patricia Wiebers, musical.

At last week's meeting, athletic director Sandra Rahe reviewed changes in the 2013-14 activities/athletic handbook.

Some additions, based on the work with the activitiesathletic advisory committee, included a revised mission statement and goals, as well as new foundational pillars.

Basically there were very few changes to the handbook, aside from grading policy changes.

Policies approved

First reading of Policy GBGG on staff leave was approved at last week's meeting. The policy update involves minor changes in wording.

Miles said the changes are in explanation only and do not change how the policy is administered. All employees will experience leave as they have in recent years; however, the changes give more clarity to the leave request process.

Second reading was held on four other policies, with approval given to all of them. They include policies on security/access to building, staff key control system; alcohol and drug-free workplace; staff use of facilities; and home schooling.

Charges to be made to district accountability

Charges for the district accountability committee were brainstormed at the July 2 board retreat and reviewed last week. They will be up for approval at the Aug. 6 board meeting.

Charges the board looks to ask the accountability committee to examine include looking at the new statewide graduation requirements recently passed, as well as future needs of the district and how a mill levy override may or may not need to be in place to meet those needs.

Other business

In other business at the July 16 meeting, the board:

—approved Leticia Penzing, Eva Penzing and Alexandria McCallum for the summer paint crew.

—designated Brenda Krueger as the election official for the November school board election.

—heard a summary of the July 2 board retreat by board vice president Kris Camblin.

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