

Carroll pursues writing improvement

By Jennifer Archibald
Staff writer

Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School principal Charles Huckstep presented his building's School Improvement Plan at the Carroll School Board meeting March 4.

Huckstep said a three-year plan is required by the state.

For the years 2008, 2009, and 2010, the plan emphasizes improving student writing skills in all subject areas. Assessment is made using the 6+1 Traits, which include ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation. Teachers will continue to have staff development related to research-based writing improvement techniques.

Huckstep also asked (and was granted) permission to pursue a grant for Carroll to offer the course, Principles of the Biomedical Sciences, which is part of Project Lead The Way (PLTW) curriculum. On down the road, the curriculum also includes Human

Body Systems, Medical Intervention, and Science Research.

Project Lead The Way also developed engineering-related curriculum, which Carroll is now using. The purpose of PLTW is to give students the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed at the post-secondary education level and in the curriculum-related careers.

Development of the Biomedical Sciences curriculum was spurred, in part, by the shortage of qualified science and health professionals in the United States.

The board approved coaches for the fall sports season, based on the recommendation of athletic director Shaun Rose. The coaches are listed below. Positions not listed indicate vacancies.

Football: Varsity head coach, Steve Keown; varsity assistants, Tom Hall and Bill Dillon; varsity assistant and B, Shawn Wickersham; freshman football, John Filbrun.

Cross country: Varsity head coach, Mike Miller; varsity

assistant, Amy Cottrell; varsity assistant (volunteer), Larry Henning; junior high coach, Matt Benner.

Soccer: Varsity head coach, David Falkenberg.

Tennis: Varsity head coach, Jerry Reinke.

Girls Golf: Varsity head coach, Erin Garrison.

Volleyball: Varsity head coach, Sarah Kirkman; seventh grade coach, Tom Hedde; eighth grade coach, Charisse Smith.

Michelle Strawcutter has volunteered as junior high assistant swim coach this season, but the board converted it to a paid position, with retroactive compensation.

The board approved a request from elementary principal Carolyn O'Connell to purchase 100 desks at a cost of \$8,135. Superintendent John Sayers said the desks will be purchased with Capital Project funds.

The following conference and field trip requests were approved:

Susan Abbott will attend the HHC math contest planning

session at Rossville.

Cindy Reinke will take FCCLA members to the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.

Danna Bonfiglio, Stacy Brazel, and Debbie Duff will take ninth grade students to see the play "West Side Story" at Beef-n-Boards March 12 in Indianapolis.

Andrea O'Brien will attend "The Long Walk Home with Miracles Along the Way" conference at Wabash Valley Education Center April 1 in West Lafayette.

Elizabeth Rose will attend "Enhancing Spanish Language Instruction" conference April 15 in Indianapolis.

Maintenance supervisor Tom Allbaugh reported that he had pushed snow 21 times this year.

The time and place of the next board meeting has been changed. It will begin at 1 p.m. March 18 in the high school media center. Board business will be followed by the annual meeting with the students at 1:30 p.m.0

DCSC board tunes into music department needs

By Kevin Schnepf
Staff writer

A decision made by the Delphi Community School Corporation Board of Trustees during its regular meeting Monday night was music to the ears of the high school band and choral directors. New risers were purchased and the school's music department was provided funding.

Band director Jay Dennison told the board a music department fund used to be part of the high school budget, but was removed a few years ago.

New choral risers will replace a 20 year-old set used in the Little Theatre for \$4,062. The music department was budgeted \$22,000 to be paid over the next five years for

school-owned musical instrument repair and maintenance.

In response to a question from board member Melinda Rossetter, DCSC Superintendent Ralph Walker explained the cost would be worked into the high school's budget.

Boiler repair approved

The board approved \$27,190 for re-tubing of the high school boiler. Walker said several options were considered but the chosen course of action was considerably cheaper than alternatives.

"We looked at two or three options," Walker said. "The tubing cost was very good and should allow the boiler to last another five to 10 years."

Other business

Walker was granted permis-

ion to host a Community Prayer Breakfast at the high school on Aug. 13 from 6:30 to 8:15 a.m. The event will include food, music and a possible visit by an Indianapolis Colts player.

Resignations from Ashley Cook, high school Spanish teacher, effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year, and Blake Miller, high school night custodian, were approved.

High school science teacher Jessica Berger was granted permission to switch to a half-time teaching role. Walker said that change, along with vocational funding for half of another teacher's time, would allow the department to hire another full-time science teacher.

Classified staff approved for employment were: Ryan Finn high school volunteer assistant baseball coach; Kyle Robertson, Michael Lowery and Jeff Shuler, high school assistant baseball coaches; Patti Hudelson and Kent Sales, middle school assistant swim coaches; Sue Condon, Sophomore Class Sponsor (in replacement of Amy Adams); Laurie Kinzie, Student Council co-sponsor; and Arrika Ruemler, Student Council co-sponsor and Family and Consumer Science Department Chair.

The next regular meeting will be April 14 at 7 p.m. in the corporation office.



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