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middle school social studies teachers are discussing the same request.

Basic kindergarten

Board members voted to replace the Camden readiness program with a basic or pre-kindergarten program. Walker said 116 school districts in the state provide the full-day program designed to prepare four-year-olds for kindergarten more fully prepared to succeed. He said the corporation would seek to enlist the parents of children who cannot afford preschool for the program.

CEEC Director Carol Coon said the program would work to close the "achievement gap" sooner than is able to be done presently. It was noted the program would cost the school no more than the current readiness program.

Board member Nick Cronk termed the move "hitting a home run."

Other business

The corporation will request a waiver from the Indiana Department of Education to add two additional years to the work study program which will enable students to receive two more credits.

In addition, full-time vocational business and health positions and a part-time Spanish teacher position will be added to the corporation.

Stone and a sixth-grade team reported that a four-week trial of the Successful Practices Program, which was learned while attending a Washington D.C. conference was successful and insightful. Teachers Wendy Thompson, Jennifer Landis, Donna Shumard and Jeff Hoover described the steps involved in the process. Stone said the team received a visit from a Successful Practices consultant which helped them fully utilize the data gathered.

"This gives us a good look at what students need to learn," Hoover commented.

Extended Childcare Coordinator Sharon Milburn reported the program receipted \$5,600 from participants and

Principal to return to classroom

Delphi Community Elementary principal Bill Shidler said Tuesday he requested to be reassigned as a teacher. That request was approved at the Monday night meeting of the Delphi Community School Board.

"Bill is still an important individual in our school family," Walker said. "He has been an outstanding leader for our elementary school."

"I asked to be reassigned," he said. "All the kids are happy for me. I've had meetings with them today and I've sent notes home for their parents."

"I could become an administrator again in a few years," Shidler continued. "I've been here for five years and I think the classroom is where the action is for me right now. The school is going in the right direction. But I am looking forward to leading a class again. I am looking forward to becoming rejuvenated."

disbursed \$282 for expenses. Nineteen children from 12 homes are enrolled. She said average attendance is between seven and nine children each day. Milburn said a portion of the parents reported in a survey they would like for the program to begin earlier in the day.

Walker was granted permission to submit potential summer school classes to the state for approval. He said not all classes approved would necessarily be offered due to enrollment numbers. No elementary classes will be requested.

Fifteen additional middle school licenses for Read 180, for \$9,730, and 10 additional high school licenses, for \$6,700, will be purchased. Sixty additional licenses for summer school ICAN for \$2,114 were approved. An annual \$2,500 to \$2,800 upgrade cost for the Read 180 licenses will be necessary to continue to utilize the programs.

A recommendation by Walker to allow athletic director Dan Dawson to employ volunteer coaches without prior board approval was not supported by the board.

The next board meeting will be May 11 at 7 p.m.

Personnel resignations

They include: Karen Hanni, 8th grade team leader; Katherine Volkel, middle school teacher (effective at the end of the school year); and Susan Trapp, CECC teacher (effective at the end of the school year).

Retirements

Both effective at the end of the school year, Ruth Van Matre, CECC teacher, and Tim Alwine, middle school teacher.

30-Day retirements

They include: Joyce Lawton, Kathi Johnson, and Linda Jackson, media specialists; Stu Mathis, high school teacher; Susan Trueblood and Alan McConnell, middle school teachers.

Reassignment

Principal Bill Shidler will be reassigned to an elementary school teaching position beginning with the 2009/2010 school year.

Employment

Kayla Lempke and Leslie Barrett – 2nd grade instructional aides;

Charlene Hart, 2nd grade instructional aide (one-half day);

Kristen Kochert, 2nd grade instructional aide (half-day to full day);

Jim Alexander, CECC head custodian;

Zachary McTigue, corporation technology aide;

Ronnda Smith, substitute bus driver;

Tony Rouhier, high school volunteer softball coach;

Jean Randle, Jamie Houser, Kent Sales and Patti Hudelson, middle school swim coaches;

Scott Kittrell, Tony Wheelock, Larry Logsdon and Nick Young, high school volunteer track coaches;

Allison Cook and Spencer Conner, power washers;

Nick Zink, Shelly Bowlin and Lisa Northrup, bus cleaners;

Vickie Little, supervisor;

Kylee German, Matt Meek, Jenny Maxwell and Brock Farrell, high school painters;

Bob Floyd, Cody Alderman and Braden Atwood – outside painter/maintenance.



Van fund picking up speed

Flora Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Garden Spot Express van fund. Pictured l-r are Mike Hoffman, Lions president, and Al Grumbling, treasurer of the Garden Spot Express volunteer board. The public transportation service will be for senior citizens and other residents of Flora and Monroe Township. Town of Flora clerk-treasurer Joretta Tinsman said \$4,100 still needs to be raised for the grant match for the van. Checks can be made out to Garden Spot Express and mailed to the town office at 27 West Main, Flora. The van is scheduled for delivery in June. Comet photo by Jennifer Archibald

Jefferson

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(Swaim), it can be done," township trustee Harold Erdmann replied. "The board is all in favor of doing something."

Swaim explained the portion of the Indiana Code about what entity is responsible to provide ambulance service. He said the township could, by law, contract on its own for ambulance services.

Council member and Adams Township Advisory Board member Ron Slavens said it is expected the county council could be able to fund two additional chase vehicles for 2010. He explained the county EMS committee is committed to providing the best service possible to all Carroll County residents, including those in Jefferson Township.

Slavens noted Adams Township donated \$6,000 to support the Yeoman Community Center/EMS Garage project. According to Erdman, Jefferson Township pledged no funds for the project.

"We want what is best for Jefferson Township," advisory board president Ron Felz said after the meeting. "We need to take proper channels."

"As a board, we needed this (public input)," board member Gene Cochenour said.

He explained the advisory board "had many meetings about this" but had not received input from taxpayers.

Yeoman Town Clerk-Treasurer Peg Braden was in the audience, but did not speak during the meeting.

"The money needs to stay in Carroll County," she said in a follow-up interview. "I was not pleased that Jefferson Township did not contribute to our community center/ambulance garage project."

Braden suggested the county should establish a volunteer tri-township ambulance service to provide what is needed in Jefferson Township.

"I hope Carroll County can get their act together and get the service back up here," she added.

When contacted by the Comet Thursday, commissioners' president Loren Hylton, who serves on the county EMS committee said he was unaware of the township leaders' activities.

"I didn't know anything about the meeting," he said. "I was surprised to hear there was one."

"I'm concerned this will weaken our EMS department as a whole," Slavens said Thursday. "Losing this revenue could result in further reductions in the department."

He referred to the contract as a "shake-down fee."

Durr told the Comet it was important for residents and taxpayers to understand the entire situation, including response times. He explained according to ambulance department records, the longest response time to Jefferson Township in 2008 was 19 minutes with the average being between 10 and 15

minutes.

He said one report of an extended response time had to do with a Yeoman resident who requested the ambulance to transport his mother to Lafayette for an X-ray and indicated at the time it was not an emergency. The ambulance made two runs before performing the transport. Durr said it was not correct to include that call in the annual statistics given. He said some have used this transport as an example of poor response times that do not exist. He said the department made the transport as a favor and not part of the usual course of business.

Durr said there are other examples of long response times due to uncontrollable variables that, although could be considered part of the overall response time calculation, should not be due to unavoidable circumstances.

"I think the county governing bodies have to address this issue rather than each individual township," Durr concluded. "This is a county situation and it will take everyone working together to solve it."

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Obituaries

Johnnie F. Dyer

Johnnie F. Dyer, 52, of Flora, died Thursday, April 9, 2009, at his residence.

Born Dec. 21, 1956, in Kokomo, he was the son of Joe and Ottie Curtis Dyer. He graduated from Carroll High School in 1975. In 1978 he married Karen June Cruse, who preceded him in death in 1983.

Mr. Dyer worked at Burlington Meats for over 13 years.

From 1975 to 1978 he served in the United States Air Force.

He enjoyed fishing, reading and NASCAR.

Surviving are a son, Steve D. Dyer (companion: Marilyn Wooten) of Lafayette; his mother of Burlington; three grandchildren, Gwendolyn, Christian, and Brandon Cruse; a brother, Bob Dyer (wife: Tammy) of Burlington; three sisters, Sandy Dyer of Russiaville, Anita Johnson of Flora, and Nancy Dyer of Burlington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his father.

Services were held Monday evening at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Neptune Chapel, Burlington. Military rites were performed. The Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis officiated. Private burial was at Burlington Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left at www.stoutandson.com.

Other Death Notices

Robert Morris Terry, 82, died April 5, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi. Mr. Terry had worked as a meat cutter at Wallmann's in Delphi. Services were held April 10 in Monticello.

Births

Kent and Elizabeth (Anders) Overholser of Bringhurst are parents of an 8-pound, 1-ounce daughter, Olivia Ellen, born April 3 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Grandparents are Thomas and Beverly Overholser of Bringhurst and Barbara Jackson of Louisiana. Maternal great-grandmother is Joan Huffman of Warren, Ind. Paternal great-grandparents are Max and Doris Overholser of Bringhurst and Robert and Patricia Spitzer of Bringhurst.

Justin and Elizabeth (Peck) Kingery, 450 E. Main Street, Russiaville, are parents of a 7-pound, 3-ounce, daughter, Charlotte Jean, born April 10 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Kokomo. Grandparents are Robert and Debbie Peck of Bringhurst and Richard and Jackie Kingery of Flora.

Carrie Acheson and Brandon Allen are parents of a 6-pound, 11-ounce daughter, Kaydence Lynn Allen, born Jan. 13 at St. Vincent Hospital in Frankfort. Grandparents are Rick and Debbie Acheson of Delphi, David Allen and the late Lori Allen of West Lafayette, and Bob and Diana Bowen of Delphi. Great-grandparents are Bill and Marilyn Collins of Delphi, Kenneth Lucas of Lebanon and Jerri Allen of Lafayette.

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