

## Board hopes to hire superintendent in March

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DELPHOS — The Delphos City Schools Board of Education is ready to take applications for the superintendent's position. According to newly-elected Board President Perry Wiltsie, a brochure will be sent out to superintendents in all 610 public school districts in Ohio followed up by an email next week to all superintendents and principals in those schools.

The district will take applications until Feb. 15 and start interviewing on March 5, hoping to name a new superintendent by the end of the month.

Interim Superintendent Frank Sukup will stay until the end of the school year.

During the organizational meeting, Wiltsie was also named legislative liaison and Joe Rode was elected as board vice president and student liaison. For the first time in more than 40 years, the school board will meet at a different time. The board will continue to meet on the second Monday but at 7:30 p.m. The Finance Committee meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. the Thursday before the regularly scheduled board meeting. These meetings are also open to the public.

The board passed a resolution seeking the amounts of the Delphos Public Library's .6-mill 5-year-renewal levy from the Allen County Auditor's Office. The levy was first approved by voters in 1978 and for the last five years, raised approximately \$49,000 a year.

A special board meeting has been set for 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23 to approve the amounts after they are received from the auditor's office so the measure can be placed on the May Primary Ballot.

School Treasurer Brad Rostorfer was approved to sit on the library board for seven more years.

Temporary appropriations for the 2013 calendar year were also approved for the library.

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Permanent appropriations will be submitted at a later date.

Students at the public and parochial schools will not have class on Monday or Tuesday. Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and on Tuesday, staff members at the city schools will take A.L.I.C.E. training from local law enforcement officers. A.L.I.C.E. stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate and is geared toward actions to be taken when a gunman enters a school building.

Principals John Edinger (high school), Terry Moreo (middle school) and Mark Fuerst (Franklin and Landeck) were presented framed photos of all who attended the celebration for the school's Excellent with Distinction rating on the Ohio Department of Education Report Card.

Retirement notices were accepted for Laura Osburn from her post as junior high language arts teacher and Elaine Jostpille from her bus route at the end of the school year. Osburn has taught with the district for 30 years. Jostpille has been a sub or regular driver for 33 years.

The board also approved Heather Brickner as girls junior varsity softball coach for the 2013 spring season.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Josiah Stober as junior varsity baseball coach. Stober was approved as head softball coach at the December meeting;
- Approved moving Doug Sanders to the 140 hour column of the salary schedule, per the negotiated agreement; and
- Approved the 2013-14 school calendar with the first day of classes on Aug. 27 and the last day on May 30, 2014. Commencement will be at 9 a.m. on May 31.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 11.