

# STAFF NEWS

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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The 2010 Legislature adjourned one week earlier than expected last month and will not meet again until April 28. The primary reason is that neither chamber is ready to vote on a primary budget bill until revenue estimates come out in the middle of April. This will determine the path for taxes, cuts or both.

This inaction puts districts across the state in a holding pattern with little help in formulating budgets and making necessary adaptations. There will be little time after the Legislature decides for district leaders to make necessary changes.

As always, we will keep you informed. One good piece of late-breaking news is that March tax collection came in at \$12.23 million more than expected. ✕

## NOTICE DATES

On Tuesday, March 30, the Legislature passed a bill to push back the notice date for continuing school contracts. The Senate voted 40-0 and the House 114-5 to pass the compromise version of SB362. This bill identifies the date in which school boards must notify teachers and administrators of nonrenewal, as well as the date that employees see Notice, Page 2

## SALARY SCHEDULE NOTICES

☛ May 1 is the deadline to notify the district of eligibility for Salary Schedule advancement.

☛ In past years worksheets were given to you that showed your placement/assignments for contract purposes. ***It is very important that you re-view these Salary Schedule worksheets we'll be sending out to you to insure we have the proper placement and assignments for next year.*** **Note:** Contracts will be issued based on the worksheet information. We would also appreciate knowing of any other changes requested for 2010-11 contracts as we move into that process. ✕



**Happy  
Easter**

## PAPERLESS PROGRESS

We are through our first year in making the changeover to paperless communication. We started with this very newsletter. It has been favorably supported, along with the Board option to publish a student directory for purchase.

Other areas have not gone as smoothly such as the calendar, which had definite mixed reviews. This will be given more attention and adaptation.

We will continue to find new ways to use technology to save funds. ✕

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**BOE MTG.**  
**April 12**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Apr. 2 > GOOD FRIDAY—NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 14 > State Music Festival
- Apr. 17 > Honor Roll Celebration 7:30pm at HS
- Apr. 19 > Forensics Night 6:30pm at LT
- Apr. 26 > Kindergarten Round-up 7:00pm at GS Gym
- Apr. 28 > Halstead MCAA Art Festival & Learning Communities—Dismiss at 12:30
- Apr. 29 > 5/6 Spring Concert 7:00pm at OSAC

## CLASSIFIED CONTRACTS

The Board of Education will also review employment of non-teaching personnel at their BOE meeting on June 14. Recommendations for all cooks, bus drivers, custodians, nurse, secretaries and other part-time employees will be considered at that time.

Should any of these employees have requests or wish to speak to the Board, they should contact me. ✖

## BULLYING

Recent incidents, including a teenage suicide in which bullying is being focused on as a factor, have kept national media attention on interactions at school.

Certainly we are all aware of the complexity and seriousness, let alone the unfairness of this difficult topic. I encourage each of you to stay alert. Be visible, communicate and, above all, do not tolerate any action or behavior in which you suspect such incidents take place.

It is a national issue that we must all be proactive in solving. ✖

## 2010-11 CALENDAR

A calendar is being developed and is expected to be presented at the April 12 board meeting.

Input received and factors such as the grade school completion timeline contributed to the actual formation of next year's calendar.



It is yet to be determined if the calendar will be approved or presented as a "proposal" at this month's meeting.

## REQUISITION REMINDER

**Friday, May 14:** ALL Capital Outlay requisitions due to Principals.

**Friday, May 14:** Textbook and workbook are due to Principals.

**Friday, May 21:** Teaching supplies—requisitions due to Principals. This includes consumable items.

☛ Please note these dates for submission. Your promptness in honoring these deadlines is requested. ✖

## GRADE SCHOOL AUCTION

The Board approved an auction for excess material and unneeded supplies to help with the transition to our new grade school for next year. Carr Brothers Auctioneers of Larned will conduct that auction on Saturday, June 26. ✖

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must respond if they do not wish to continue employment. According to Dale Dennis at KSDE, those dates will be May 21 and June 4 for this year if the Governor signs the bill into law. ✖

## YOU CAN HELP

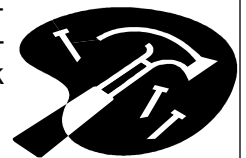
As we look forward cuts may be inevitable. Each employee has an opportunity to help by their input. Your ideas will be shared with the BOE.

Submit them to the district office in writing entitled Budget Cut Suggestions (your name optional) or email me ASAP. ✖

## SUMMER WORK

### REQUESTS:

Any classroom work request should be placed on form (located at bldg. offices) and submitted to your building principal **no later than Friday, May 14.** These forms will then be submitted to the district office by **Wed., May 19** for review, assessment and development of a summer work schedule.



## SHS REBIDDING

The high school bond project was slowed down by a large overage on its initial round of bids. Much thought and modification has been put into realignment and the process is moving forward.

The Board expects to approve drawings for bid at their April 12 regular meeting. The bids will then be released to contractors followed by a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The actual bid calling (2nd Round) is scheduled for Thursday, May 20. ✖

