

Memorial funds help buy new weight equipment

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CCS district patrons will have first chance to purchase 11 pieces of used weightroom equipment that school board members voted to sell.

At the Dec. 11 meeting, the board approved the sale by sealed bid. Bids will be due at 6 p.m. on Jan. 8, the day of the board's next meeting, and each piece is being sold separately.

Logan Bauman memorial funds, given by his parents Andy and Karla Bauman, helped purchased new weightroom equipment, said Activities Director Troy Hauxwell.

The new equipment features four racks that can accommodate various weightlifting tasks. Hauxwell said it's more consolidated and has "opened up" the weightroom.

"It's also a safer, more solid rack for the lifters," he added.

The new equipment is now being used by the school's body conditioning classes, athletes and patrons.



Kobe Clevenger lifts weights on the new equipment purchased with Logan Bauman memorial funds at Chase County Schools. Spotting Clevenger is Blaine Dorn. Last week, school board members voted to sell the equipment it replaced. (Johnson Publications photo)

Other business

The school's National Honor Society chapter was discussed at the request of Supt. Randy Klooz.

Principal Jon Lechtenberg went over the policy with board members. Before a student can apply, he or she must meet several requirements, including a 3.75 GPA, holding two leadership roles, community service hours and other activities including an essay. A faculty committee then reviews applications and recommends membership.

Lechtenberg said they are considering some changes in the application process. He'd like the process to "make it clear" what the expectations

are for membership.

"We hope our National Honor Society chooses students who are elite at our school," both academically and for being quality people, he said.

Supt. Klooz added it might be a good idea for the sponsor to visit with students who applied and maybe didn't get in after their first application, giving them some advice on how it can be earned.

The board approved the purchase of new software for the school's accounting program from Specialized Data Systems, Inc., at a cost of \$14,100.

Klooz said the earliest it can be installed is March after some training, and it should be a fairly seamless transition. He noted the Wauneta/Palisade Schools use the same Finance Web Edition program and staff there gives it high marks.

In other action, the board approved findings in the 2017-18 school district audit and approved the district multicultural report.

Last meeting for Strand

The Dec. 11 meeting was the last official one for board member Penny Strand, who did not

seek re-election this year.

She did not attend the meeting, but she was thanked by board members and the superintendent for her 12 years of service on the board.

Cindy Arterburn will be sworn in next month to fill that seat.

Other incumbents re-elected in November were Steve Wallin, Jeff Olsen and Dan Reeves.

Board members and administrators also enjoyed an array of appetizers at the meeting, prepared by the CCS Prostart class.