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School principals at Grundy R-5 of Galt and Humphreys will be offered contracts to return for the next school year.



The board of education discussed evaluations at their meeting last night; then offered contracts to junior-senior high principal Randy Huffman and Elementary Principal Kristi Weldon. Salaries are to be determined at a later date.

It was announced long time library media specialist Patsy Bailey will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Grundy R-5 will be in session Monday (Feb 17) as a makeup day for school due to previous inclement weather. The board of education last night amended the school calendar to allow four makeup days. Others are May 19th, 20th, and 21st.

It was noted May 16th and 21st have early dismissals at the two school buildings.

Also announced was the date Grundy R-5 will conduct screenings for children of pre-school age and kindergarten. Appointments are to be made for March 28th.

The screenings, along with kindergarten enrollment, will be at Galt Christian Church from 8 to 11 that morning and 12 to 3 that afternoon. Children must turn five years old by July 31st to be eligible for kindergarten. Persons attending are to take child immunization records, a birth certificate, and social security card. Make appointments with Charla Pipes at the elementary school in Humphreys.

Grundy R-5 school board School board members discussed, then tabled, a three year and five year proposal from Applebus Company for transportation service. Applebus has been the transportation provider at Grundy R-5 the past three years.

The board set March 13th at 6 o'clock as the date and time for a hearing on setting the date in August to start the 201-4-15 school year.

Among student recognitions, Emily Milazzo placed first in the state at the Missouri young farmers / young farm wives public speaking contest. Five members of Grundy R-5's chapter were recognized for placing first in area proficiency awards.

They are Destin Gann, Mason Larson, Emily Kenley, Samantha McLain, and Mason Alley. Two other students: Briaden Turpin and Abigail Matthews were recognized for first and second place finishes in the Grundy county spelling bee.

Among action items, Grundy R-5 board approved to cover the 18-dollar cost of flu vaccinations for all staff whose insurance does not cover it.

Substitute pay was increased TO 75 dollars a day (from \$60) for certified teachers and to 85 dollars a

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day (was \$75) if long-term; effectively immediately. A substitute is considered long term by the Grundy R-5 school after filling in ten consecutive days in the same position.

With the state department of education requiring student achievement tests to be taken On-line one year from now, a presentation was made last evening on increasing the Internet bandwidth to the Grundy R-5 elementary school.

Superintendent Rob Deaver explained it was decided to try a wireless approach between the high school in Galt and the elementary building in Humphreys.

The district's Internet provider is MoreNet with the University of Missouri.

The cost will be approximately 230 dollars a month. But Deaver said the rate will be subject to the Federal Communication Commission E-rate discount which would lower the overall cost for the district. Deaver noted the change will considerably increase the bandwidth at the Humphreys building from one and a half megabytes to approximately 20 megabytes.