

School invests scholarship moneys

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Investment of scholarship moneys in the amount of \$130,000 was approved at the Sept. 1 meeting of Holyoke School District Re-1J School Board.

The investment was made with American National Bank in a 12-month CD at 1.75 percent interest for approximate earnings of \$2,275.

Supt. Bret Miles emphasized because this money is used directly to award student scholarships, it is in the best interest of the school district to find the best rate, even if that rate is not with a local bank.

Local interest rates for the CD were quoted between .44-.75 percent. Last year, the scholarship account was invested at a rate of 3.47 percent at Bank of Colorado and earned \$3,570.

One year from now, an attempt will be made to move the account back to a local bank, noted Miles.

Other business

In other business at the Sept. 1 meeting, the Re-1J board:

—canceled the Nov. 3 school board election, with the three candidates automatically elected to the three open positions. Kris Camblin, Kim Killin and Jeff Tharp will take office Nov. 17.

—accepted the resignation of elementary school custodian Paul Speicher, effective Sept. 11.

—reviewed draft guidelines for effective communication, which will return to the Sept. 15 meeting for further discussion. It includes beliefs about communication, as well as communication between the following: board member/board member, board/superintendent, board/superintendent with staff and board/superintendent with community.

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—admitted nonresident students Kyleigh Jaeger from Venango, Neb. and Christopher Ballard, Levi Wright and Asher Wright from the Yuma School District.

—received homeschool notifications for Morrigan Uptain and Noah King.

—revised the organizational chart as presented at the Aug. 18 meeting, with one change. Coaches were added under the responsibility of the activities/athletic director.

—approved use of the new gym for a fifth and sixth grade girls' basketball tournament Jan. 16 and for a cheer clinic on Jan. 23.

—approved applications for Type V teaching authorization for substitute teachers Joseph Bailey, Kia Kassman, Jessica Deering and Carrie Orvis.

—reviewed an update of activities on the Superintendent's Entry Plan.

---held a work session at the close of the meeting to discuss the superintendent's evaluation tool.