

Re-1J Foundation supports academics, wellness, technology

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Status of current projects supported by the Re-1J Education Foundation were discussed by the Foundation board and Holyoke School Board just prior to the Nov. 6 school board meeting.

Currently, the Foundation's academic fund is focused on the JR/SR high science lab upgrades, the wellness fund supports the all-weather track project and the technology fund is now focused on more mobile computer labs.

At the annual conversation between the two groups, the boards not only discussed the status of each of the funds, but also determined to host an event for donors to show how the money from the Foundation has been used.

Superintendent Miles exceeds goals

The 2011-12 evaluation of Superintendent Bret Miles was completed by the board and available in the district office, as announced at last Tuesday's meeting by board president Jeff Tharp.

Miles was rated on five domains, including instructional leadership, leadership/personnel management, budget development/management, facilities management and community outreach.

Ratings were based on a high of 3.0. Miles' ratings ranged from 2.69-2.90 in the five domains.

The summary evaluation noted Miles met and exceeded the goals and key deliverables set for the school year.

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Highlights included establishing the district grading pilot and academic opportunity center, involvement and detailed knowledge of the construction projects and budgets, changes in the facilities personnel positions and vastly improved website.

Strong leadership and communication skills were evident throughout the year, according to the evaluation summary.

Other business

In other business in the short board of education meeting last week, the board:

—acknowledged two gifts: from Kellie Race for over 60 books for the Holyoke Elementary library and from Dennis Keasling for a piano for the music and band programs.

—hired extra-duty personnel as follows: Jeremy Hildebrand, JH assistant girls' basketball; Ben Rahe, HS assistant boys' basketball; and Luke Thomas, volunteer head HS girls' swimming. Wrestling coach realignment includes Jack Garrison as head JH and HS coach, with Cutter Garrison and Dusty McConnell as assistant JH and HS coaches.

—gave second-reading approval to revisions to several zero-tolerance discipline policies.

—approved the certification of completion for the roof project.

—accepted nonresident student applications for Makenzie Long, Trenton Hodge and Kyla Strecker.

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—heard an overview from board member Dennis Herman of the Oct. 20 Colorado Association of School Boards delegate assembly. He recapped changes to the CASB platform and reported how the delegation voted on resolutions.

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