A total of 184 tests were conducted in the 2009-10 random drug testing (RDT) program for Holyoke JR/SR High.

Details of the school's second year for RDT were reported by Principal Susan Ortner at the Aug. 3 meeting of the Board of Education.

Ortner pointed out a parent meeting to explain the RDT program is set for Thursday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the HHS auditorium.

A total of 217 students were enrolled in last year's RDT program. Ortner noted 86 students submitted one test, 35 students submitted two, seven submitted three, two retests were required (sample was dilute the first time), one student submitted four tests and one student requested a hair test and paid for that test.

RDT tests included 96 dips, which test for five drugs (not including alcohol); 87 EtGs, which detect alcohol up to 80 hours after consumption; and one hair test.

Ortner noted that for 2010-11, all students called for testing will provide one sample which will undergo both the dip and EtG tests.

One student tested positive for THC (marijuana) in 2009-10, reported Ortner. The student withdrew from RDT the following week and will not be eligible for school activities for 365 days from the date of withdrawal.

In other details, Ortner noted four students left school and therefore withdrew from RDT during the year and one student was on medical leave.

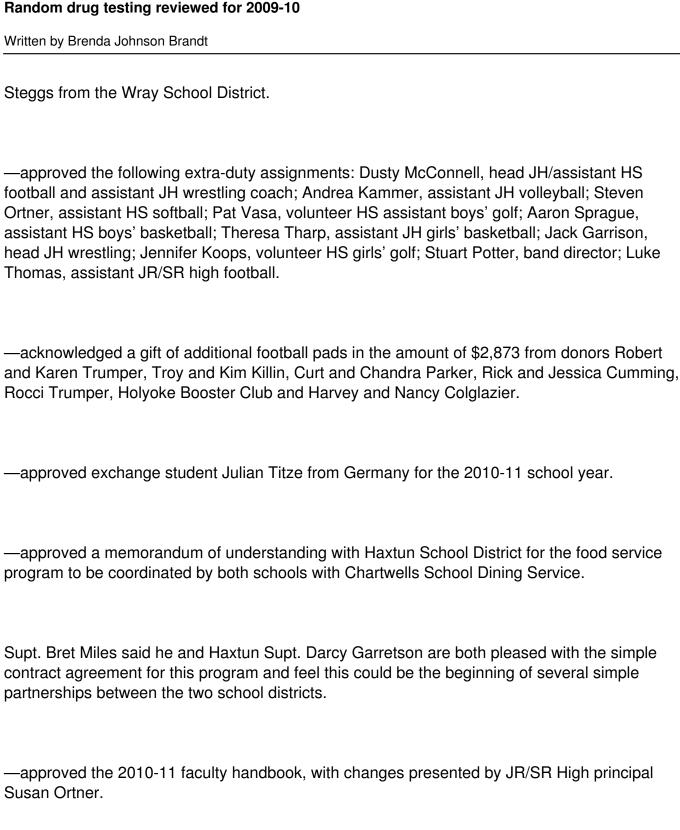
Random drug testing reviewed for 2009-10

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Two students were at the state track meet on the last testing date when their number was called, so tests were not completed. A Haxtun student who participates in an HHS activity was not contacted for testing when their number was called on the last test date in May; and one senior refused to submit for a May test.

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In the spring of 2010, Ortner noted 83 percent of all junior high students and 88 percent of high school students were enrolled in RDT.
Other business
In other business Aug. 3, the Re-1J board:
-—approved a calendar revision. The Sept. 27 BOCES inservice will not be held, so classes will be conducted that day, in exchange for no school on Thursday, March 10.
-—accepted the resignation of assistant cook Manuela Favela.
—received homeschool notification from Jamie Hahlweg for her children Jessica and Christopher.
—agreed to allow Holyoke Chamber of Commerce use of the new gym Sept. 11 to host a Harlem Ambassadors basketball game.

—admitted non-resident students Richard Guernsey, Kody Timm, Deyten Klein, Christian and Aerian Swenson, Piper Sorter, Taylor Hendrix and J.C. Steggs; and granted transportation requests to pick up Guernsey and Timm in the Haxtun School District and Sorter, Hendrix and



—agreed to apply for Type V substitute teaching authorization in behalf of Jula Bornhoft, Penny Johnson, Laura Beth Schroetlin, Shirley Krogmeier, Michelle Gregg, Helen Murray, Harvey

Eurich, Summer Struckmeyer, Sara McMurrin and Sheryl Farnsworth.