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Conway hits a bullseye with new archery team



Conway Chronicles photo
A Conway student practices for the archery team.

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Everyone has their own special talents. Conway High and Junior High schools now have added an archery team that many students are interested in. There are about 30 students from both schools on the archery team this year.

Conway High School's Jaymes Wapp was the one who brought the idea of an archery team to Coach Lowery, who agreed to coach the team.

"First, I had to get the training for archery. Then I was able to go to the NASP website to sign up for tournaments and add students to the roster on there. I had to

have some meetings to see who was interested in an archery team. I then had to schedule practices around the other sport teams using the gym. We also had to get the net set up in the elementary and find a place over there to store the bows and arrows as well," stated Lowery.

The first practice for the archery team was on Dec. 16, but the first practice to shoot the bows was on Jan. 9. Some practices are form oriented, while others are set up tournament style. The team has set a goal to work on consistent form at each practice. Unlike normal compound bows, the Genesis bows used

by students have varied draw length. This means the students have to learn to draw a consistent length every time, not under or over drawing. The biggest goal for the team right now is shooting a nice consistent group.

"I've enjoyed our archery practices from the very beginning. Coach Lowery makes each and every practice full of new things we learn but also very fun. Throughout all of the practices we have had, I have learned a lot. I have learned more than I had imagined I would," said eighth grader Trista Simpson.

The archery team has a total of four tourna-

ments this year, not including state qualifiers. The first tournament of the year for the team was held on Jan. 18 in Laquey.

"I was very excited for our first tournament in Laquey. I enjoy getting to be on this team because I get to share this time with a lot of my friends and make new memories," Simpson said. "I think that it is very cool that I get to be on the very first archery team that Conway has ever had. I think Coach Lowery has done a great job preparing us for this tournament."

The top students for Conway High School at the tournament were

Matthew Helmick and Kaitlyn Kerkhoff. The top performers for Conway Junior High were Paige Potteiger and Holden Lindley.

"I am excited to be doing something new at our school. It is exciting to get some kids involved in archery that may not be involved in other sports. Archery looks and seems like it is going to be a fun and exciting sport to be coaching, and I am glad that I get the chance to start this program and hope to build the program and have some very successful kids this year and the following years to come," Lowery said.

R-1 School Board minutes for January

Laclede County R-1 Schools
Board of Education Meeting
January 20, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
High School Library

Call to Order/Roll Call: Board President Kevin Dampier called the meeting to order with six members present. Members included Travis Doing, Norman Webster, Andy Triplett, Kathleen Atkinson-Williams, and Sally Triplett.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present united in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda: Sally Triplett made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion received a second. Motion carried 6-0. Items approved were the authorization of payment of the remaining 2019, and current 2020, bills, the minutes of the December 2019 Board meeting, the minutes of the January 2020 Board retreat, and the hiring of Macy Luallin (JH Softball), Connor Hicks (JH Baseball) and Brian Gann (sub bus driver).

Public Comment: There were no comments to the Board at the meeting.

Administrative Reports: Building Principals Rob Wolff, Tyler Vestal, and Jaymes Wapp, along with Superintendent Mark Hedger, updated the Board of points of interest throughout the current month.

Old Business:

A. Vo-Ag Building: Superintendent Mark Hedger updated the Board on the Vo-Ag building project.

B. 2020-2021 School Calendar-Sally Triplett made a motion to approve the Draft 2020-2021 Calendar. The motion received a second; a roll call vote followed with the motion carrying 5-1 with Travis Doing, Norman Webster, Kathleen Atkinson-Williams, Sally Triplett and Kevin Dampier voting in favor and Andy Triplett voting in opposition.

New Business:

A. Building Academic Achievement Action Plans: Building principals, Rob Wolff, Tyler Vestal and Jaymes Wapp reviewed their actions plans for their respective buildings.

B. High School Course Options: Mr. Wapp discussed course options that are being considered for the 2020-2021 school years.

C. MSBA 2019C Policy Update-First Reading: The first reading was held on the MSBA 2019C policy update.

D. Summer School: Discussion was held concerning the 2020 summer school session plans. Superintendent Mark Hedger recommended the Board offer a 19 day session to the LCR-1 students in grades K-12, running May 26th-June 19th. Norman Webster made a motion to grant approval; the motion received a second and was followed by a roll call vote. The motion carried 6-0.

E. RISE Banquet: The board discussed possible dates to hold the upcoming RISE Banquet (Recognizing Individual Student Excellence). Andy Triplett made a motion to hold the RISE Banquet on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The motion received a second. A roll call vote followed with the motion carrying 6-0.

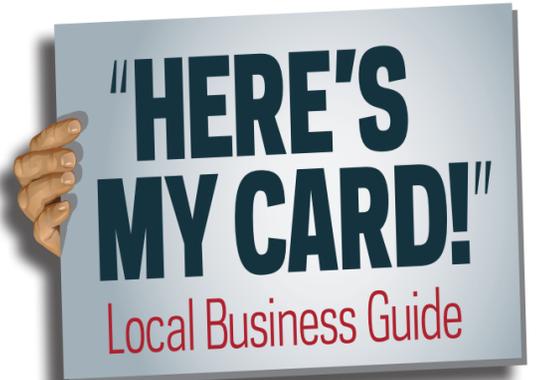
Adjourn to Executive Session: In accordance with RSMo 610.021 (3) (13) Andy Triplett made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters in the district; the motion received a second. A roll call vote followed with the motion carrying 6-0. The time of adjournment was 8:21 p.m.

Laclede County R-1 Schools
Board of Education Meeting #2
January 20, 2020 – 9:14 p.m.
High School Library

Call to Order/Roll Call: Board President Kevin Dampier called the meeting to order with six members present. Members are Sally Triplett, Norman Webster, Andy Triplett, Kathleen Atkinson-Williams, Travis Doing, and Lug Massey.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, Andy Triplett made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting; the motion received a second. A roll call vote followed with the motion carrying 6-0. The time of adjournment was 9:14 p.m.

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