The regular November Board of Education meeting was held at Nemaha Central High School on November 10. Members were given a tour of the facility before the meeting.

Two staff members from the elementary/middle school gave presentations on how they are using the new technology devices in their classrooms. Ms. Carla Meyer, first grade teacher, demonstrated the application Showbie which her students are using on the iPad. Middle school Social Studies teacher, Nikki Honeyman, showed an interactive textbook from TCI Learning that she is using in grades six, seven and eight.

High school students, Jacob Schmitz, Annie Davis, Katy Holthaus and Marissa Randel, presented information to the board on the activities planned by the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) organization this year. The students were accompanied by sponsor, Tony Scism.

Supt. Kohlman discussed with members the increased need for some staff members to become licensed to teach English as Second Language students. This would benefit several students plus will generate additional funding if teachers are licensed. Mr. Kohlman proposed that the district help pay for a few staff members to obtain this license. Recommendations may be made at a later date after staff members have agreed to complete the program.

Following a recent Special Education executive board meeting, the special education director will pursue setting up a classroom for preschool students with IEPs. Nemaha Central is the sponsoring district for the Marshall-Nemaha Special Services Cooperative which includes the Centralia and Frankfort schools. The proposal also includes a classroom in Vermillion where those students attend.

The board approved a special meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 5:30 for continued work on the new Strategic Plan.

Two new site council members were approved for Nemaha Central High School due to the resignation of two members last year. The new members are Jeanne Holthaus and Erik Ganstrom.

A new hire contract was approved for Stanley Wiegand as an evening custodian at the high school. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26.

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A special meeting was held on Thursday, November 13 at 5:30 in the NCEMS cafeteria for continued work on the Nemaha Central Schools Strategic Plan. Members of the committee are the seven board members, four administrators, Jay Baumgartner, Dyan Cornelison, Carla Hajek, Sarah Hiltgen, Lisa Holthaus, Nikki Honeyman, Amy Kuckelman, Heath Lutz, Ed Mohney, Joe Reitz, Courtney Schmelzle, Angelia Steiner, Jon Thomas and Deanna Wullschleger. The committee completed a draft of the new plan which must be formally approved by the Board of Education.