

The regular monthly meeting of the Nemaha Central Board of Education was held on Monday, March 13, 2017. All members were present and heard a presentation from Mr. Ben Scism, high school principal and Mrs. Deb Kramer, part-time high school counselor, on the Career Cruising program which will be used as part of the (student) Individual Plan of Study in the high school. The cost for the program is \$1500, half of which will be paid by State the first year. The State will also reimburse the district for the \$800 one-time set-up fee. Members approved the purchase of the program.

Mr. Kohlman requested that the original plan to replace the 1:1 technology on a four-year cycle be revisited due to substantial cost savings. The buy back cost for the current devices after three years (now) is \$107,184 versus \$71,449 in one year. The cost of the devices will also increase \$41,090 after March 31, 2017. Transfers totaling \$180,000 have been made from the general fund to the capital outlay fund the past two fiscal years as directed at the time of the original 1:1 tech purchases. Members unanimously approved the purchase of new devices and authorized the sale of current devices. The process will occur over the summer months.

Darrel Kohlman presented an idea to make connections with the local businesses. The proposed name would be School 2 Business Connection. The S2B Connection would be a collaboration of educators and business professionals to build lasting relationships bridging the gaps between the education and business worlds. Mr. Kohlman outlined what the program might look like and what the expectations would be. He stated that he plans to pursue the development of the program.

Supt. Kohlman also updated members on KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation).

In personnel matters, the resignations of James Dietrich, elementary building custodian, and Kelsey Scism, part-time middle school literature teacher, were accepted. Both are effective the end of the school year. New hires approved for 2017-18 were: Lisa Holthaus, 5th grade teacher; Carissa Williams, 3rd grade teacher; Heather Sullivan, 5th grade teacher; and Sherri Alverson, Frankfort special education.