

At the November 12 meeting, the Nemaha Central school board members heard a report from four elementary and middle school teachers who had traveled to Washington D.C. in October to accept the National School Building of Character Award. Carol Sack, Darcel Stallbaumer, Brooke Burdick and Nikki Honeyman informed members of the activities taking place at the building and within the community that factored into the application process. The award is for a five-year period and school staff members are planning to build on current activities to continue positive growth of character for students.

Shana Steinlage, special education services director, gave an update on the cooperative regarding the number of students currently served, current staff numbers and staffing needs for next school year.

Supt. Kohlman discussed information about a Farm-to-School Program that can include beef and pork products being donated from area producers for the Food Service program. Following some discussion, Mr. Kohlman was instructed to call other districts who are utilizing the program for additional information.

Supt. Kohlman updated the members on the classroom link building project and the greenhouse. The link project is progressing as the footings, underfloor plumbing and floor slab should be complete towards the end of November. Site work on the greenhouse has not begun but is expected to begin soon.

Due to an oversight, the second publication notice for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan hearing was omitted from the local newspaper. The board approved publication dates for November 14 and 21 so that the public hearing could be rescheduled for the December 10 meeting.

The board also tabled the prior year audit report from Karlin & Long, LLC until the December meeting.

In personnel matters, the board approved the hire of Carol Holthaus as a NCEMS Regular Education Para. A resignation was accepted from Courtney Carpenter – NCEMS Administrative Assistant, effective the end of school year. A retirement notice was accepted from Pat Jones – Kindergarten teacher, also effective the end of the school year.