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Perkins County Schools is in search of a new superintendent to replace Tobin Buchanan, as well as three classroom instructors to fill vacancies by teachers who are retiring.

Buchanan resigned his position as superintendent during the regular meeting of the school board on Monday, March 18.

“We didn’t get as much time as we wanted with you,” commented board president Shawn Turner.

With emotion in his voice, Buchanan read his letter of resignation to the board. He has accepted a position with First National Capital Markets of Nebraska in North Platte.

Buchanan and his family will continue to reside in Grant.

Other Resignations

Letters of resignation were read for Sandy Prante, who has been employed with the district for several years. She is presently one of two kindergarten instructors.

Longtime third grade teacher Cindy Regier’s letter of resignation was read to the board and approved. Regier has been with Perkins County Schools for many years, as well.

Marlin Terwilliger is also retiring from his position at Perkins County Schools. He is the middle school and high school industrial technology instructor and is the junior class sponsor.

Coach/Instructor Hired

The board gave contract approval for the hire of Carlie Wells from Elgin/Pope John schools to serve as half time PE instructor, half time activities director, and head football coach for the Plainsmen.

Wells and his wife, Kim, and four young sons will be moving into the district soon.

In Other Business

- Reports were presented to the board by Superintendent Buchanan, Principals Dean Friedel and Terry Prante, and Chip Kay, assistant principal, activities and technology director.
- The board fielded questions during from four patrons of the district during the public comment portion of the agenda concerning the facility study. Those in attendance with comments and/or questions were Myron Harms, Ron Hagan, Sid Colson and Michelle Ross.
- The board reviewed the upcoming 2013-14 calendar. The fall term will begin Aug. 14.
- Following a budget summary review for 2012-13, the board held further discussion on what the future holds for the district’s three facilities.