



SPS will have new principal

Stapleton Public Schools will see a new principal as the board of education accepted the resignation of Kris Walker, pre-K-12 principal at the conclusion of the 2021-22 contract year at the regular board of education meeting held Monday, February 21. The board accepted the resignation with regret and thanked Principal Walker for her years of dedication and commitment to the district.

A contract was extended to Steven Gleisberg to serve as pre-K through 12th grade principal for the 2022-23 school year. Gleisberg has been the principal in Chambers and due to budgetary cuts that district is going to one administrator. Gleisberg and his wife, Theresa, have two older sons, Jeff and Lucas, and the Gleisbergs will be relocating to Stapleton.

The board discussed the employment of an additional school principal, but this will not be implemented at this time due to budgetary cost.

Superintendent Reding-

er said the school was experiencing issues with the recently installed heating system and parts have been ordered. It is hoped to be operational next week.

An open house is being planned March 17 to allow people to view the school renovation. This will coincide with parent-teacher conferences. Everyone in the community is invited to tour the school and see improvements that have been made.

Bids will be taken for dirt work that needs done on the east parking area and around the school.

The school calendar was approved and Monday, August 22, 2022 will be the first day of school for students.

Superintendent Redinger said the last day for students this year will be May 12 and graduation is May 7.

In other items at the regular board meeting:

- A copier lease with Capital Business was approved.

- The renovation of the

football field area and other school grounds improvement was tabled until next month.

- The purchase of a new lawn mower with upgraded filtration system was approved.

- Approved fertilizer bid for 2022-23 with Charron Lawn Service.

- School property designated as surplus included large wooden cabinets, metal table, sink cabinet, file cabinet, mirrors and other miscellaneous items. Contact the school for more information.

- Rich Burnside, Kim Kramer and Superintendent Redinger attended an ESU #16 Board Development meeting and presented highlights.

- The board voted to cancel school board policy #4031 Random Drug Testing - Employees.

The board of education held a board retreat on Monday, February 28. The next regular board meeting will be Monday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the library of Stapleton Public Schools.

Gov. Ricketts Appoints Mike Jacobson as Senator for Legislative District 42



COURTESY

From Left to Right: Julie Jacobson, Mike Jacobson, Chief Justice Michael Heavican, Governor Pete Ricketts

Governor Pete Ricketts has announced the appointment of Michael “Mike” Jacobson of North Platte to fill the vacancy in Legislative District 42.

“Mike is a Nebraska native who exemplifies our state’s entrepreneurialism and hard work,” said Gov. Ricketts. “He will be a champion for efficient and effective government, responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and our state’s strong family values. His successful leadership as a community banker has given him valuable insights that will help to grow Nebraska.”

“It is an honor to represent the citizens of District 42 in the Legislature,” said Jacobson. “I share Nebraska’s traditional values, work ethic, and entrepreneurial spirit. As a State Senator, I’ll advocate for limited government and conservative fiscal policy. I’ve built a community-minded culture in my business, and I look forward to strengthening Nebraska by creating more opportunities to live and work in the Good Life.”

Jacobson grew up on a share-rented farm near Sutton and supported himself through college. After returning to farm and teach for a short time in Red Cloud, he began a banking career in 1980 as an Agricultural Lending Officer at City National Bank in Hastings. In 1984, he moved to Lincoln and worked as Senior Vice President/Division Manager of The National Bank of Commerce. After a decade in Lincoln, he relocated to

North Platte in 1994 to serve as Chairman, President, and CEO of Western Nebraska National Bank. In 1998, he became the Founder and Principal Shareholder of Nebraska Land Bank in North Platte. He’s successfully grown the bank to over \$850 million in total assets with branches in Kearney and Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Jacobson has been active in the community, serving as Chair of the North Platte Redevelopment Authority, Chair of the North Platte Airport Authority, and on the Great Plains Health Board of Directors. He’s also a Past President of both the North Platte Development Corporation and North Platte Public Schools Foundation Board.

Jacobson has given leadership to numerous professional and statewide associations. He’s a Past Chairman of the Ne-

braska Bankers Association and Past President of the Agriculture Builders of Nebraska Inc. He has been a board member of the Nebraska Independent Community Bankers and has served on various committees with the American Bankers Association. Additionally, he’s served on the Governor’s Agricultural Advisory Council; University of Nebraska Council; University of Nebraska Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET).

Jacobson is a graduate of Sutton High School and holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

His appointment is effective February 23, 2022. Jacobson fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Mike Groene.

Amazing Grace Church to show free documentary on sex ed standards

Amazing Grace Church, 507 Walnut, Thedford, will be hosting a free and just-released national documentary to help people understand who is pushing the sex ed standards to sexualize Nebraska children. Attendees must be 19 years of age or older to attend the documentary film. A free will donation will be accepted near the end of the movie.

RSVP is required to guarantee your seat at the showing on Thursday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Lee Wonch at 308-636-6268 or email him at dlwonch@gpcom.net.

Sponsors for this program are Protect Nebraska Children Coalition and Nebraskans for Founders’ Values (NFFV) Guardians of our First Amendment Rights.

Chamber plans new events in ‘22

MARCIA HORA

Dates for the annual Easter egg hunt, plant and garden decor/tool swap, and garage sale day were set as the Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, February 22, at the Stapleton Community Center.

Newly elected president, Lori Streit, presided at the meeting and members agreed the annual meeting held January 31 at the Hen House Cafe was a great success. Membership to date stands at 42 and those who have not yet paid their dues are reminded to do so. Dues of \$40.00 may be sent to the Chamber, P.O. Box 232, Stapleton, NE 69163.

The Easter egg hunt was set for Saturday, April 16, in the Stapleton Park. It was suggested the event this year include a bake sale, games for kids, and the park be opened up for hunting eggs. Details will be finalized at the March meeting.

A plant and garden decor/tool swap will be held on main street on May 14 beginning at

10:00 a.m. This was very successful last year and it was suggested it be moved to a Saturday so more people could participate.

Stapleton’s annual garage sale day will be held Saturday, June 25. Several ideas on how to make this an even bigger event were shared and Chamber will be working to make this a better day for shoppers and promoting Stapleton.

President Streit said one of her goals would be to have a street dance in July. She also said businesses should take advantage of the Chamber Facebook page and posts may be sent to Kayla Kramer at countryenvy@gmail.com and Stapleton, Nebraska Facebook page by sending posts to Melody Hansen at mel@sublimeartistry.com. Businesses are encouraged to take advantage of these pages to let people know what’s going on in the community.

The Chamber sign located at Kimber’s will be totally revamped. KoRoy Construction has submitted plans that include new framework, stone,

and wood trusses and this was reviewed. The 8’ x 4’ sign, featuring the new Stapleton logo has been purchased and will be implemented in the design. Members voted to proceed with the sign project.

A total of \$304.00 was taken in at the “Light it Up” Christmas lighting of the Stapleton Park. A donation will be made to the Village of Stapleton.

A good number of Chamber bucks were sold over the Christmas season. Bucks make great gifts all year long and they are available at Frey’s General Store.

Newly elected officers for the year in addition to Streit are Caleb Burnside, vice president; Stacey Anderson, secretary; and Cindy Frey, treasurer. Board of directors are Howard Gaffney, Marcia Hora, Kelsey Amos and Natalie Sheets.

The next regular meeting of the organization will be Tuesday, March 22, at noon at the Stapleton Community Center. Please note the new monthly date of the fourth Tuesday at noon.

Weather

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19	54	21	0
20	55	21	0
21	63	17	0
22	17	-7	T
23	9	-7	0
24	6	-8	.4
25	14	-7	T

Observations:

Wind chill was recorded at -25 degrees on February 21 at 9:55 p.m.; -31 degrees on February 22 at 8:00 a.m.; -24 degrees on February 23 at 12:40 a.m.; -13 degrees on February 24; -12 degrees on February 25 at 1:40 a.m. Winds were recorded at 33 MPH on February 21 and 31 MPH on February 22. Intermittent snow was observed on February 24.

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Stapleton Public Schools Foundation Gala

Stapleton Public Schools Foundation Gala is Saturday, March 26. A Tristar Sporting Arms Viper G2 12 gauge will be raffled off. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 10 tickets for \$80.00.

The live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. and D.J. Music by Party on Productions will follow. There will also be door prizes, a silent auction and gold table.

Golf Association Plans Fundraiser March 26

The Stapleton Golf Association will hold a fundraiser on March 26. A Tristar Sporting Arms Viper G2 12 gauge will be raffled off. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 10 tickets for \$80.00.

The steak dinner will be \$30.00 per person and with a meal ticket your name will go into a drawing for a box of beef donated by Diamond Bar Ranch. Be watching next week’s paper for more details.