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What Will Extra-Curricular Activities Look Like This Year?

School Board discusses plan.

Discussion on extracurricular activity guidelines for the coming school year took up a good portion of last Tuesday night's regular school board meeting.

“The biggest thing we need to stress is that we are working with Callaway and have a tentative plan in place. It will be a very fluid situation. We will stay in constant communication with Callaway and other schools that we are participating with. If we go on the road to Merna, we are going to abide by the plan they have in place; same thing if they come here and to Callaway,” said Superintendent Joel Morgan.

The main question will be capacity and the number of fans who can attend. Right now, the schools will be limited at 75 percent capacity. The schools will do everything they can to maintain distance between participants and fans and not everyone will be allowed in the doors. In some cases, there is a possibility that parents will be the only ones allowed to attend.

“We will make that determination and announcement before the event,” said Mr. Morgan. “It will certainly be very different from the past. Unfortunately, it will not be the open door policy that we traditionally have.”

The big thing will always be safety. Mr. Morgan said he doesn't think fans will have the ability to attend tournaments. As far as Conference One Act, with seven schools in one building, they will do their best to keep the kids separated; there is a possibility that it may not be open to the public.

“We want to stress that our goal is to provide every opportunity for our students, keeping them practicing, playing and participating. I know it's not ideal to restrict attendance for these events, or temperature

checking or having people sign in for contact tracing. By being proactive and preventative, my goal is to keep these seasons going as long as we can,” he said.

The school will be using STRIV to stream as many activities as it can. Many schools use this platform.

“South Loup has incredibly supportive fans and we love that. It's tough to envision limited attendance, but ultimately that is what is best,” said Mr. Morgan.

Fire Alarm System Approved

Board members approved installing a fire alarm system at what is now called the East Campus (former Lutheran Church). The system will be required in order to have any students in the building. Right now, all One Act supplies are kept there and students will need to go in. With the extra floor space, Mr. Morgan said he can see the building being used for a number of things by the students.

In other business, the board:

- Declared a floor machine and a piano as surplus items.
- Tabled action on an entrance security bid for the school. Security for entrances will be discussed later in the fall at a board retreat when facility projects will be prioritized.

- Approved several policies.
- Set a meeting date of August 24 at 8:00 p.m., on the East Campus for a board workshop.
- Set a date of August 31 at 7:00 a.m. for a special board meeting.
- Set a date of September 8 for a budget hearing, resolution hearing and the regular board meeting on the East Campus. The budget hearing will start at 7:00 a.m., followed by the hearing and regular meeting.



Photo/Debbie Connelly

Waiting Their Turn

Older brother Maverick Bierman is full of excitement, as he talks to little brother Jack (an incoming kindergartner) while they wait to have their temperatures taken at the door on the first day of school last Thursday. First in line is big sister Lyla. School will be different for kids this year, as extra precautions will be taken due to COVID-19.



Courtesy photo

Mr. Chanc McIntosh (left) will serve as elementary principal and head of curriculum and Mr. Joel Morgan (right) will take over the position of superintendent and serve as high school principal this school year at APS.

New Administrators Looking Forward to Working Together

It will be a challenging year for Arnold's two new administrators as students return to the classroom. Joel Morgan, who has served as principal starting with the 2015-2016 school year, has transitioned to the position of both superintendent and high school principal. Chanc McIntosh, will serve as the new elementary principal and head of curriculum.

A 2005 graduate of Sargent High School, Mr. McIntosh earned his bachelor's in Education with an emphasis in Health/Physical Education in the fall of 2011 from UNK. In the fall of 2017, he started taking master's classes for Educational Administration through UNK. He student taught at Anselmo-Merna Public Schools and accepted a part-time Ele-

mentary Health/PE position for Anselmo-Merna and coached several activities, including both junior high and high school sports.

Mr. McIntosh and his wife Jenna currently live in Broken Bow where she is a nurse at the Broken Bow hospital. Jenna is originally from Callaway; her

Electrical Project Under Budget, KENO Will Be on Ballot

The Village Board of Trustees looked over bids for the final phase of the distribution voltage conversion and rebuild project and discussed placing KENO on the General Election ballot at their regular meeting held on August 10.

Board members discussed the three bids for the conversion rebuild project via speaker phone with the village's electrical engineer. The bid of \$195,611.62 from ES Commercial, Inc. was accepted. Including the owner-furnished poles, conductor and distribution transformers, this final phase will cost about \$240,000.00, compared to the original estimate of \$280,000.00. This results in a total project cost about 15 percent lower than estimated.

KENO

A resolution to place the following question on November's General Election ballot was adopted: “Should the Village of Arnold, Nebraska, establish and conduct a lottery pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act for the purpose of 'community betterment', as that term is defined by Nebraska statute?” Village of Arnold voters will either vote yes or no. The request to place the question of KENO on the ballot was made by Grazer's Bar & Grill owner Jesse Halstead at July's regular board meeting.

Pedestrian Walkway

A pedestrian walkway across the state highway may be installed if approved by the state. Correspondence from the state's district traffic manager regarding pedestrian crossings

indicated that the state will need to know the exact location that the Village would like to install the crossing and review the location to see if it is feasible. Village Clerk Patricia Lamberty will request that the state review the location at the intersection of Broadway Street and Highway 92.

Merry-Go-Round Project

AEDC Director Cheryl Carson reported that the cost of the new merry-go-round for the city park is \$7,878.00 and there have been \$5,309.60 in donations. A total of \$2,538.40 is needed to complete the project. Board members agreed to budget the money for the merry-go-round from the Edna B. Peterson fund.

ARA Display Case

Carson also reported that two lighted, weatherproof, lockable display cases for the Arnold Lake Campground & Recreation Area have been ordered and hopefully will arrive soon. These will be used to hold single piece promotional material for Arnold's businesses, as well as event posters for community events in Arnold. This is the last phase in the completion of improvements stemming from the CCTV grant received by the AEDC.

In other business, the board:

- Voted to repeal the annual \$125.00 occupational taxes levied on any business selling alcohol.
- Discussed \$10-201 (Peddlers and Hawkers; Registration) of the Arnold Municipal Code. The village clerk was directed to obtain a sales tax permit documentation from vendors.
- Set a date of August 24 for a budget workshop.

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