

FFA Highlights

The Altoona-Midway FFA has had a full schedule. Thank you to all who support us. Without your support, the opportunities for our members would not be possible. Make sure to follow us on Facebook at "Altoona-Midway FFA" to keep up with what we are doing. Check out a few of our highlights from the year so far below.

Work Auction Crew:
12 members donated
six hours of their
time to help
community members
with projects.



Denver Trip Fun:
7 FFA members
travelled to Denver,
CO. Skiing was one
experience for
members.



Food Science Team:
2nd High Team Overall



Denver Trip Fun (Again):
Members view a milking
carousel at Forget-Me-
Not Farms in Cimarron,
KS. This was one of five
tour stops where
members were able to
learn about the dairy
and feedlot industries.



FFA Creed Speaking:
Emma Martin received
4th high individual.



FFA Community
Appreciation
Breakfast:
We enjoy giving
back to those who
help us throughout
the year. Thanks to
all who came out
for some delicious
food and fellowship!

Environmental Science (High School)

The high school environmental science class is gearing up for collecting more Native Kansas plant specimens this spring. However, the cold winter weather was a prime time to stay inside and learn about populations, the ecosystem, and plant functions. Our fingers are crossed that the spring rains don't make it too wet and muddy every day so we can return to the great outdoors and learn about our environment first hand.

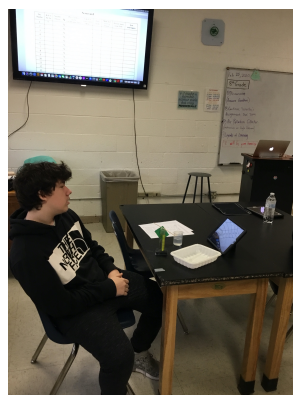
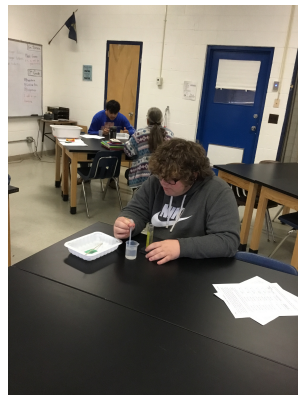
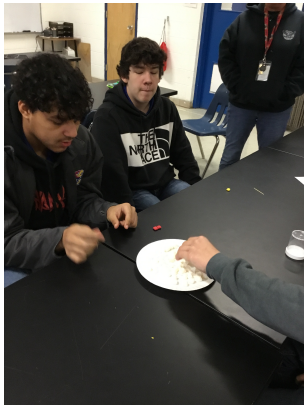


PHOTO 1: Conner plays the part of antibacterial hand lotion and is “attacking” a bacteria cell.

PHOTO 2: Corey adds water to his plant model during the Photosynthesis game.

PHOTO 3: Zeek contemplates adding a leaf to his plant model during the Photosynthesis game.

8th Grade Earth and Space Science

Recently, the eighth graders focused on weather and climate and the factors that influence them. In addition to learning about weather forecasts and the tools meteorologists use to collect weather data, students built an anemometer. After calculating a conversion factor for their anemometer, students could then use it to get an accurate measurement of wind speed. Harnessing the wind led to one of their favorite projects, which was making and racing a wind car. The objective was to design the fastest wind-propelled model car, but each group had a limited budget (with Monopoly money) to purchase the items they sought (wheels, axels, sails, hot glue sticks, etc.). Needless to say, engineering and building a model with a budget added a new and difficult twist. Surprisingly, all groups finished with money left in their account. Currently, the eighth graders are learning about the earth and the impact humans have made on the environment.



PHOTO 1: Nevaeh, Ava, and Heather count the revolutions on their spinning anemometer.



PHOTO 2: Isabelle, Caden, and Hunter show their excitement upon seeing the materials for their air filter project.



PHOTO 3: Jacob uses a magnifying glass to count the number of particles on his pollution monitor.

7th Grade Life Science

This semester, seventh graders gained a deeper understanding of heredity, genetics, and the importance of DNA. After first making a simple model of DNA using licorice and marshmallows to represent correctly-paired nitrogen bases, the class then advanced to using K'Nex pieces. The K'Nex pieces were used model nucleotides, DNA, and DNA Replication. The unit ended with a much-anticipated DNA extraction lab. Seventh graders are currently studying relationships, patterns, and resource availability in an ecosystem.

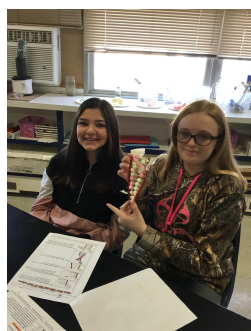


PHOTO 1: Olivia and Alicyn display their edible DNA model.



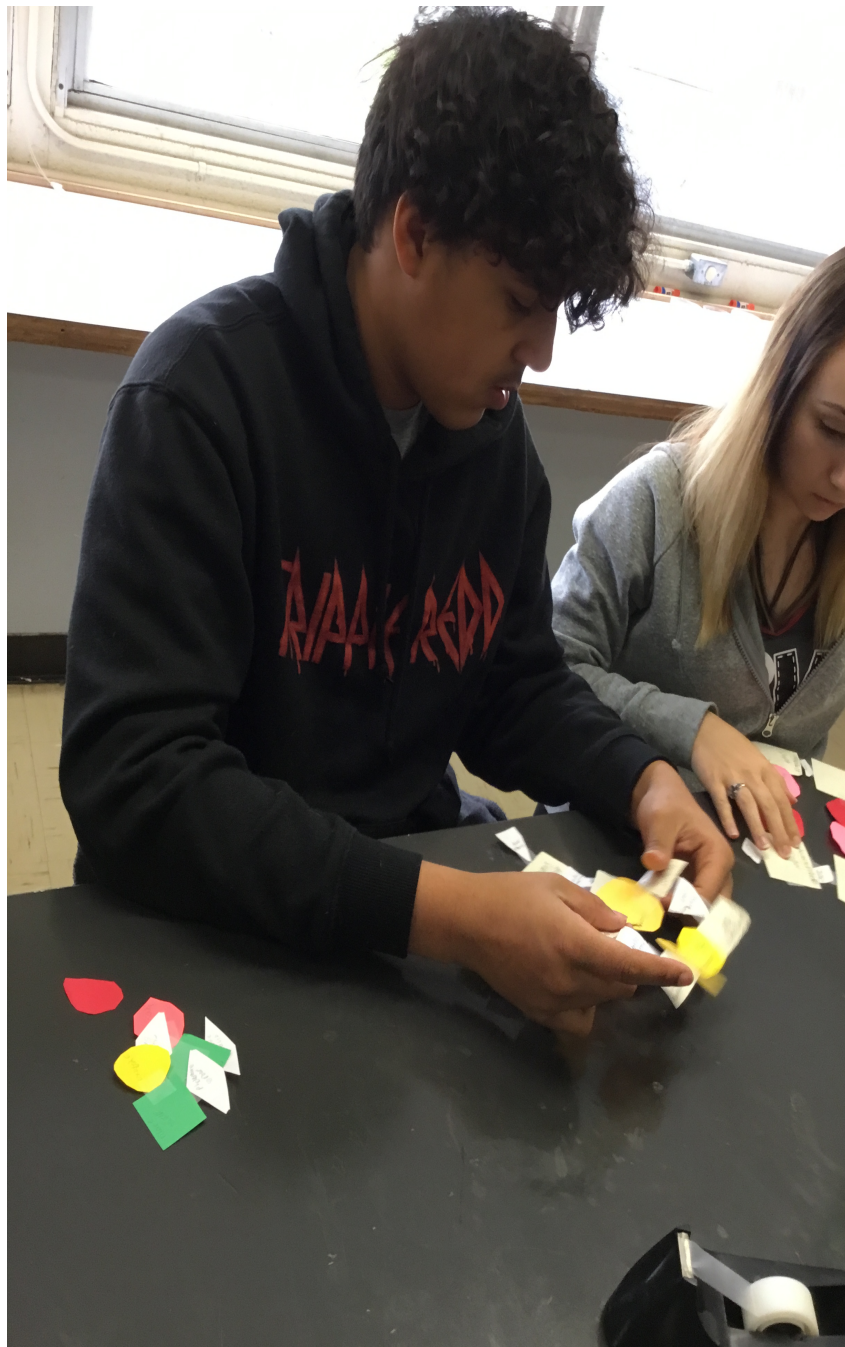
PHOTO 2: A large strand of DNA made by the 7th grade class using K'Nex!



PHOTO 3: Seventh graders were deeply engaged in the flower dissection lab.

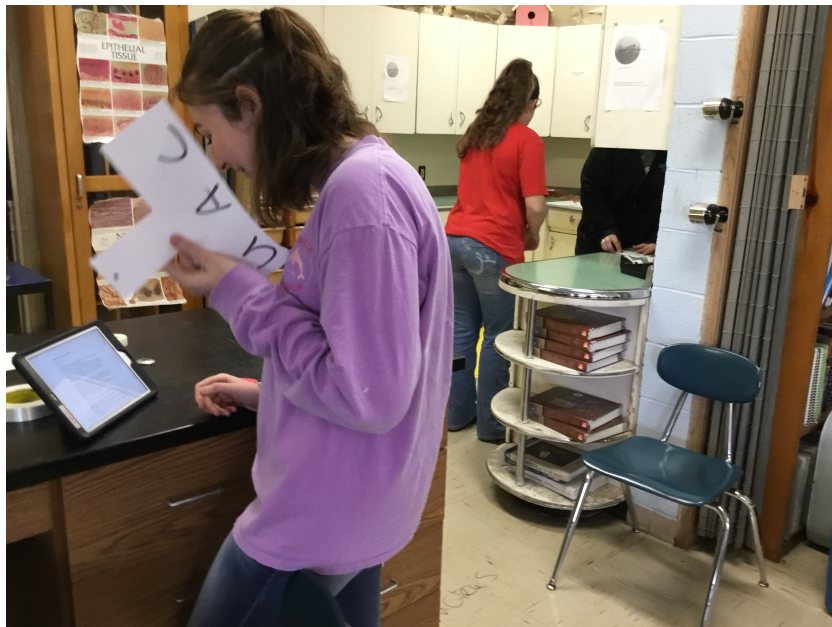
High School Science with Mr. Weilert

Biology finished up the year studying genetics. Building DNA



Mr. Weilert's Science Continued

Converting RNA into proteins



The Anatomy & Physiology class is currently studying the respiratory and circulatory systems. Using a heart/lung set donated by BW Processing. Students apply what they have learned.

HS Science Continued



Kylee showing the chambers of the heart



HS Science Continued



Mr. Kaempfe stopped in to partake in a little learning. Not sure he knew what or who was on the table when this picture was taken.

Altoona-Midway Middle and High School Math Classes

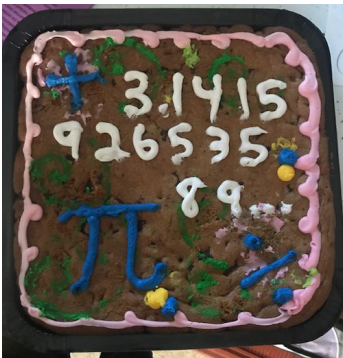
By: Mrs. Morton

We have been jetting off to many different topics in math this year. In 7th Grade, we have been analyzing figures to find area and circumference. In 8th Grade, we just finished talking about the Pythagorean Theorem and we are about to start exponents and scientific notation.

In Basic Algebra, we finished discussing polynomial addition, subtraction, and multiplication. We are now working on using graphing and factoring to solve quadratic equations. In Algebra 1, we are working on factoring and using square roots to solve quadratic equations. In Geometry, we are learning about trigonometry with right triangles. Lastly, in Algebra 2, we are exploring exponential functions.

This year has been full of excitement, learning, and growth. We took our largest group to Emporia State University to compete in Math Day. We had 25 students attend. While there, students were competing in various math competitions and taking college tours.

Lastly, we celebrated pi day early on March 12th. Students got to eat pie and learn about what pi is! Super fun!



Middle School Scholastic Bowl

This years Chetopa hosted the MSMBL We played against Saint Paul, Saint Pats, Thayer, and Chetopa.

7th grade Science team was Will Stackhouse, Emmalynn Pumpanek, and Sophia Dannels: They received 1st place.

7th grade Social Studies team was Jayah Turner, Will Stackhouse, and Emmalynn Pumpanek: They received 3rd place.

7th grade Math team was Emmalynn Pumpanek, Olivia Goodwin, and Autumn Raymond: They received 3rd place.

7th grade Language Arts team was Jayah Turner, Olivia Goodwin, and Kieran Foster: They received 3rd place.

8th grade Language Arts team was Summer Raymond, Jacob Meigs, Lane Poverlein: They received 1st Place.

8th grade Science team was Lane Poverlein, Hunter Lawrence, and Caden Crawford: They received 2nd place.

8th grade Spelling team was Summer Raymond, Jacob Meigs, and Chantal Morales: They received 2nd place.

8th grade Math team was Summer Raymond, Jacob Meigs, and Chantal Morales: They received 3rd place.

8th grade Social Studies team was Caden Crawford, Hunter Lawrence, and Chantal Morales: They received 3rd place.

We had a very good season this year: Over all the games we played Altoona Midway A team was Summer Raymond, Jacob Meigs, Autumn Raymond, and Kieran Foster: They received 1st Place in our league.



POSTER CONTEST



The Fredonia Arts Council held a poster contest. The theme was: My Dream To Fly.

Students used their creativity to express what they would like to be when they grew up.

5th grade winners were: Brooklynn Colins 1st place winner.

River Raida and Colton Agell both received Honorable Mention.

6th Grade winners were: Eryn Tiger and Shelbi Bryant tied for 1st place,

Kyler Naller received Honorable Mention.

Steve Dixon

AMES NEWS FROM MS. REAZIN

Altoona-Midway Elementary School News

By
Kim Reazin

Our 2019-20 year is quickly coming to a close.

Students enjoyed a week of Dr. Seuss activities the first week of March thanks to Diane Cook for all the time she took in planning the events.

Third and fourth grade will start state assessments March 31st and April 1st and then will finish April 7th and 8th.

Please make sure your students are getting plenty of rest and eating a well balanced diet.

The whole school enjoyed a pep assembly to kick off state assessments. Third and Fourth grade were treated to a "Breakfast of Champions" before starting their assessments.

We will be having Kindergarten Roundup, Wednesday, April 22nd from 12:30 to 3:00. Students must be 5 by August 31st to attend Kindergarten.

There are many activities planned for the last nine weeks, please check the school web site, facebook page, school calendar and backpacks for notes.

As always stop by anytime to visit.

Kim Reazin
Principal Altoona-Midway Elementary

Third Grade

I am always amazed at how fast the school year flies! I feel very proud of this class and how much they've accomplished this year! After a very busy 3rd quarter and taking state assessments for the first time, students are looking forward to lots of fun activities as we inch closer to the end of the year!

Social Studies

Students had lots of fun in weeks with different science and studies activities. As we began economics unit, students learned producers, consumers, supply, profit, and cost. Students learned relationship between demand and taking part in a pretend classroom experience. Students had one item displayed on their desks with a After, everyone went shopping for classmates' products and wrote top three they would be most buy. After tallying up the demand product, we determined which ones had high demand and low demand. From there, students were able to adjust the prices of their products in a way that would give them the highest profit. After shopping around again and adjusting our wish lists, we once again tallied the number of consumers interested in buying each product. Students were able to see how demand and price affect one another, and how that relationship contributes to the seller's profit. Students enjoyed multiplying their price by their demand numbers to see who made the most pretend profit!



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After this experience being the consumer, third graders also got to play the producer role. They were split into two assembly lines to make a product. Since this coincided with Dr. Seuss week, their product was a truffala tree craft! Each student on the line “specialized” in a different job. We discussed the costs associated with buying materials and hiring workers, and how we want to sell the product for more than we spend making them. Students were excited to maximize productivity and earn our business a profit! We also assessed the quality of the products and had to reject some that were not “sellable”. Students took this very seriously! It was great seeing them work together and create something as a team!

In ending our economics unit, students learned about spending and saving. They completed an activity where they were given a budget and a list of expenses associated with their needs and wants. They had to decide how to spend their money. They learned some tough lessons about the real world and opportunity cost with this activity!

Science

As we get into our next science unit, students are going to have a lot of fun learning about fossils! They will get to observe fossils, explore what we can learn from them, make their own trace fossil, and even pretend to be a paleontologist and experience their own dinosaur dig! They're really looking forward to this.

We're excited to see what else the 4th quarter brings!

Mrs. Parra's 5th & 6th Grade ELA

The 5th and 6th grade ELA classes have been focusing on writing skills. Sixth grade just finished writing a persuasive essay about their favorite superhero. Sixth graders focused on learning how to write a hook/thesis for an introduction paragraph, as well as a conclusion. Fifth grade recently finished writing an informational article over daily life as a pioneer. Both classes have been learning how to go through the writing process of planning, drafting, editing, revising, and publishing. We celebrated Valentine's Day with games, food, and homemade Valentine's Day boxes! Stephanie Dorsey (5th grade) and



Elementary 3rd Quarter



2nd Grade: No one.

3rd Grade: Bella Douglas
Maddox Nalley
Destiny Raymond

4th Grade: Chance Carter
Hadlee Pupanek

Perfect Attendance 3rd Quarter

Payton Bairdf
Chloe Lane-Piper
Makayla Mustain
Kristina Smith

Jesse Cook
Emily Lockhart
Chance Mustain
Kayla Wade

Noel Eisele
Sandra Morales
Kenzie Nalley

ANW CO-OP

Building Relationships with Students

By: Ron Rice

As a teacher that works in both buildings, I get the unique position of getting to interact with students in multiple grades on a daily basis. This also means that I do not have the luxury of being with them all day long to build a relationship. I have to make my encounters matter to build that relationship rather than destroy the relationship. I've found a few tricks that have helped me create and build positive relationships in the short time that I am with them.

- Be genuine- "Kids don't care what you know until they know that you care." Children are experts at realizing if someone is being phony. If you are genuine and show the real you, they are more open to trusting you.
- Be silly- I've found that being silly breaks down the wall of I'm the adult and you're the kid. They are smart enough to realize this on their own. Acting silly helps them realize that adults can be "cool" like them.
- Be involved- When I walk into a room, I start doing what they are doing. If they are doing a math game, I play with them. If they are doing a dancing brain break, I bust out the dance moves. Don't be a spectator in their lives, be a part of it.
- Learn about them- It's amazing how much a child will open up to you when you ask them about themselves. Simple questions like, "how was dance practice?" or "Did you get a haircut?" show that you truly care about them. By learning about them, they become more than a student and you are more than a teacher.
- Contact- Humans crave contact so it's only common sense that our students need it too. I strive to offer high-fives, fist bumps, hand shakes everyday to as many students as I can. I've had students go from not wanting to give a high-five to asking for a hug within a few interactions.

**Minutes of Board Meeting
Wilson County**

Board Meeting Date: February 14, 2020

Meeting Held At: District Office

Board Members Present:	President – David Hutchison	Member:
	Vice President – Rita Drybread	Member:
	Member: Wanda Mustain	Member:
	Member: Wendy Wade	

The regular meeting of USD 387 Board of Education was held February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the District office. All board members were present with the exception of Lynsee Relph. Others that attended were Kim Reazin, Darrin Ashmore, Brent Kaempfe, Debra Meigs, and Reyna Almond, Board Clerk.

Swearing in of New Board member

Debra Meigs was sworn into office as a USD 387 Board of Education member.

Approval of Agenda

Rita Drybread moved, Wendy Wade seconded the motion to **approve the agenda**. Carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Wendy Wade moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to **approve the Consent agenda consisting of January minutes, Claim Vouchers, Transfers and Treasurers Report**. Carried 5-0.

Open Comments from the public

None

Reports and Presentations

Rita Drybread- Foundation Report

- Elected new officers
- The Foundation will be selling license plates with the Jets Logo
- Amazon Smile account is activated

District-Wide Issues-Brent Kaempfe

- **A. L. I. C. E.** training went well for In-Service
- Compliance evaluation for the 21st Grant went very well
- Need to look at the vaping policy
- KESA accreditation (3yrs)
- Summer Academy plans are going well
- Need to form a technology committee (3 year plan)

Kim Reazin: A-M Elementary School

- *Tonight is the Reading Night at AMES
- * 3rd nine week grant activities started on January 21st
- *Celebrated 100's day-had activities in the afternoon, January 29th.
- *Teachers also celebrated Kansas Day during the week
- * Third and fourth grades took part in their own Super Bowl the week of January 27-31 by competing with Math grades. Each class was divided into two teams, the Chiefs and the 49ers.
- Daily assignments were averaged and posted as each team's score. At the end of the week the teams with the highest scores won the Super Bowl. A Super Bowl party was held on Friday for both grades with the Chiefs winning in each grade level. Students on the Chiefs teams received Super Bowl rings on their donuts. Teachers and staff were invited to the fourth grade room for snacks to help celebrate the week.
- Fourth graders participated in a STEM project in the afternoon. The class was divided into two groups, one to build the goal posts and the other to build the playing field. Students were given supplies to create two sturdy, free standing goal posts and one playing field in which the end zones had to be the same size, the yard lines had to fit evenly between the end zones and marked. Students then folded paper footballs and answered a variety of questions over different subject matter in a race to the end zone to score points. The Chiefs won the Super Bowl!!!
- Students got the opportunity the following week to do as all team members do to their winning coach and dump a cooler of ice water onto Ms. Phillips! It was a fun and exciting week. Students encouraged each other to put forth their best effort and give their all. Students in both classes raised their grades and proved to themselves they could do the work if they just put their mind to it.
- *Dr. Seuss week will be celebrated March 2nd-6th.
- Diane Cook is in charge of this

OLD BUSINESS

Debra Meigs moved, Wanda Mustain seconded the motion to **Approve the 2020-21 school calendar with the following changes:**

Strike the statement regarding snow days and letting out early, Last day for seniors will be May 11th, Graduation will be May 15th, and the last day for 8th graders will be May 18 with promotion that evening. Carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

February Strategic Planning Meeting

Wednesday February 26th at 5p.m to 8 p.m.at the Board office.

21st Century Grant

We are in our 3rd year of 5yrs for the grant. Beginning year 5, the renewal process will begin again with the renewal application.

Executive Session

David Hutchison moved, Wendy Wade seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of **non-elected personnel**. (Included Superintendent) Carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m. David Hutchison moved, Wendy Wade seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of **non-elected personnel**. (Included Superintendent) Carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m. Rita Drybread moved, Wanda Mustain seconded the motion to **extend both principals' contract to 2021-2022**. Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Announcements

Next meeting: March 9th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. District Office

_____ President

_____ Board Clerk

**Minutes of Board Meeting
Wilson County**

Board Meeting Date: February 26, 2020

Meeting Held At: District Office

Board Members Present:	President – David Hutchison	Member: Lynsee Relph
	Vice President – Rita Drybread	Member: Debra Meigs
	Member: Wanda Mustain	Member:
	Member: Wendy Wade	

A special strategic-planning meeting of USD 387 Board of Education was held February 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., at the District office. All Board members were present with Lynsee Relph arriving at 5:02 p.m.. All BOE members signed a waiver of notice. Others that attended were Kim Reazin, Brent Kaempfe, Darrin Ashmore, Crystal Sizemore, Katelyn Meiwes, Tracey Winder and Reyna Almond, Board Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Debra Meigs moved, Wendy Wade seconded the motion to **approve the agenda**. Carried 6-0.

Strategic Planning Meeting

Discussion regarding the monthly newsletter and updating the website was held with BOE members, Crystal Sizemore and Tracey Winder. Discussion will continue at the March 9th BOE meeting.

Rita Drybread moved, Lynsee Relph seconded the motion to **take a survey at the Parent Teacher conference regarding a daycare**. Carried 6-0.

Discussion of possibly moving the 5th grade back to AMES this fall. Mr. Kaempfe will gather more information and present to the board in March.

Personnel Recommendation:

Wendy Wade moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to **go into executive session regarding non-elected personnel (Including Superintendent and MS/HS Principal)** Carried 6-0. The regular meeting resumed at 6:59 p.m. Debra Meigs moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to **hire the following coaches for Spring Sports**, as recommended by administration: HS Head track coach-Lane Huffman, MS Head track coach-Treasure Hoag, MS assistant track coach-Chary Weilert and HS Head Softball coach-Randy Almond. Carried 6-0. Wendy Wade moved, Lynsee Relph seconded the motion to **go into executive session regarding non-elected personnel (Including Superintendent)** Carried 6-0. The meeting resumed at 7:18 p.m.

Budget Review

Mr. Kaempfe reviewed the budget with the board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

President

**Minutes of Board Meeting
Wilson County**

Board Meeting Date: March 16, 2020

Meeting Held At: District Office

Board Members Present:	President – David Hutchison	Member: Lynsee Relph
	Vice President – Rita Drybread	Member: Debra Meigs
	Member: Wanda Mustain	Member:
	Member: Wendy Wade	

A special meeting of USD 387 Board of Education was held March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., at the District office. All Board members were present .All BOE members signed a waiver of notice. Others that attended were Kim Reazin, Cynthia Clark, Tosha Hendrix, Julie Parsons, Jeff Almond, Sarah Morton, Tracey Winder, Diane Cook, Brent Kaempfe, Darrin Ashmore, and Reyna Almond, Board Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Debra Meigs moved, Wendy Wade seconded the motion to **approve the agenda**. Carried 6-0.

Contingency Plan for possible school closure: School Nutrition, Continuing Education, Special Education, Classified Pay, Letter and Communication

Debra Meigs moved, Rita Drybred seconded the motion to provide meals to kids if school closes. Carried 6-0.

Rita Drybreasd moved, Wendy Wade seconded the motion to **pay classified staff their regular pay in the event of school closure**. Carried 6-0.

Mr. Kaempfe talked about some learning opportunity options.

Mr. Kaempfe will write a letter explaining the events happening and will have it posted on our website and social media.

The board will meet again on March 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m..

Wendy Wade moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to **adjourn the meeting**. Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

President

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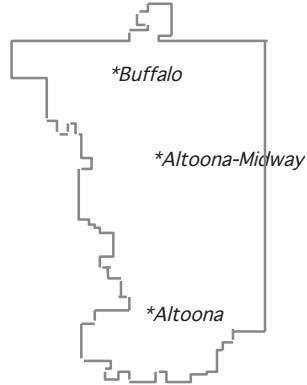
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To: Parents and Students of USD 387:

I want to continue to share information about your school and some of the unfortunate ramifications of closing schools this year.

First and foremost, it is very disappointing that our seniors did not get to finish their final year of school in the way that most students get to. Prom has been cancelled. We are just postponing graduation and the senior class trip for right now, in the hopes that we may be able to still do those things.

When Governor Kelly issued the order to close schools, we were very concerned about being able to provide meals to our kids. Mrs. Cook and her staff developed a good plan to continue to do this. This past Monday they handed out a weeks' worth of meals to 95 kids. **All of our students and any kid residing in our district 18 and under are able to get these free meals.** If you would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Cook. Her contact information is on our website. Please share this information with other families.

KSHSAA cancelled all spring sports and activities.

We are hopeful that we will still be able to have our Summer Sports Camps, Drivers Education, and Summer Conditioning Program. We are also hopeful that we will be able to have our Summer Academy at AMES. No timeline has been set for making a decision on any of those activities.

Tomorrow morning, 03-26-2020 at 10:00, I will post information regarding our Extended Learning Opportunities that we have developed for Prek-12th grade students. We plan to begin this with kids on Tuesday, March 31st. In the plan that I send out I will also include some resource information regarding possible free internet service if your household does not have internet or if you are not able to use a hotspot on your phone for internet. We will hand out devices next week, dates and times will be disseminated along with information about when your child may pick up personal belongings from school. It is not an ideal way to educate our kids and I will ask you to be patient with us rolling this out and working through some of the inevitable glitches that we will encounter. These are opportunities in which I hope you will encourage your kids to participate. Providing a continued structure for our kids is very important during this difficult time.

Our school buildings are closed. Building Principals will have office hours on Wednesdays from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Visitors will not be allowed in the buildings, so you will need to call or email them. The District Office will remain open but closed to visitors, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.. If you need anything, you will have to call or email.

Yours In Education,

Brent Kaempfe
Superintendent USD 387
Altoona-Midway