

## Money matters top school board agenda

The regular monthly meeting of the USD 400 Board of Education opened Monday with an award presentation to Board President Mari Loder.

The Smoky Valley Education Foundation has established a Friend of Education Award to recognize an outstanding individual or organization that has been nominated by members of the community. This annual award

goes to a person or group who is not an educator and whose leadership, acts and support have contributed significantly to the improvement of public education in the district.

The board then heard a presentation by Gary Shogren and Greg DuMars from the City of Lindsborg about the possible establishment of a community-owned broadband com-

munications network.

Regular business items followed beginning with the approval of bid of \$34,000 from Don Hattan Chevrolet for a Suburban. The Board also approved the transfer of \$10,000 from the Joyce Challans Fund to the SV Community Foundation. The Board also agreed to meet on June 30 for an end-of-year business meeting and agreed to move the July meeting to Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m.

Following an extensive executive session, the board rose to accept the resignations of Travis Sears as Freshman Girls Basketball Coach at SVHS; Holly Lindquist as Assistant Track coach at SVHS/LMS; and Ben Elliott as 5th Grade Teacher at LMS, Asst. Football Coach at LMS, Head Wrestling Coach at SVHS & LMS and Asst. Track Coach at SVHS & LMS.

The board also approved an out-of-district request for Nina and Henry Peterson-Beard to attend SVHS next year as well as Alexa Bell to attend Kindergarten at Soderstrom Elementary School. Approval was given for Vicky Voigt to attend SVHS on a part-time basis.

The board also approved a number of hirings that will be listed in detail in a future report. These were mainly coaching positions for the high school and Lindsborg Middle School.



Mari Loder (right) receives her USD #400 Friend in Education Award from Wanda Esping (left), a member of the Smoky Valley Education foundation board of Directors at the school board meeting on June 16.

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