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(Neb.)-Chadron Public School Receiving New iPads Before Semester's End



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Photo: Chadron resident Shellie Decker shares with members of the Chadron School board regarding the alley behind her house and the Kenwood school.

(CHADRON)-Good news from the Chadron school board meeting last night. Approximately \$5,300 will be awarded to the Chadron music department as a result of a recent fundraiser that included Ford's Drive One For Your School and the sale of hotdogs and chips. Dr. Caroline Winchester said that may very well be one of the highest amounts ever earned for the department.

New technology is soon going to be making its way into the Chadron Public School district. School technology director Uati (Wha-ti) Paopao says 300 iPads have already arrived, and by November 2nd, they will have been introduced to all teachers and staff. High school seniors will receive their iPads on December 3rd, juniors December 4th, sophomores December 10th, and freshmen December 11th with an alternate date for anyone else set for December 13th. The iPads will eventually serve as textbook, notepad, and storage device for students with the information being stored, such as presentations, papers, and data, being transferable and accessible elsewhere after students graduate.

Also at school board, educational Service Unit #13 SOAR staff developer Julie Downing presented information to the board regarding "The American Dream: A Disruptive Horizon." Downing's presentation encourages schools, parents, and even the legislature to think outside of the box essentially and allow for new educational ideas as young people of the digital age challenge the status quo and the way they learn.

Dr. Caroline Winchester also shared several highlights, including an initial long-term list of budgeted expenditures, and news that the school is setting its sights on Advanced Ed district-wide accreditation in the near future and is also taking steps with Chadron State College to strengthen their agricultural offerings for students and establish a Future Farmers of America group at the school.

Chadron residents Charlie and Shellie Decker approached the board about the possibility of the school donating a small portion of the Kenwood school property to the city of Chadron. The portion, along with a segment of the Deckers' property, has been being used as an alley, and the Deckers have learned that they cannot make changes to their garage that backs up to the alley because the city does not own the land being used as the alley. After hearing the situation, the school board decided to allow the building and grounds committee to handle the situation. The committee will plan to meet with city building/zoning official Janet Johnson to reach a resolution and will report back their findings to the board at a later meeting.

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