



THE CHARGER

Board sets bond vote for November ballot

Emma Alderman | editor in chief

At the March board of education meeting, the board passed a motion for a bond proposition to be set for the November ballot. The motion passed with a 5-2 vote (Vopata and Conrad voting against). This bond would be for a Kindergarten through 12th grade location entirely in Alma.

“If we have an opportunity to grow then I believe that it’s by a unified front and location,” board member Justin Frank said.

The board then approved for Paxico Middle School to be set for sale at an asking price of \$125,000. There was no opposition to this motion and a no-education competition clause was set with this motion.

In terms of employment, the board extended principal Kephart, principal Oliver and principal Hutley’s contracts. They also accepted the resignations of David Amer as the District Health Liaison/WHS Spanish Teacher and Brooke Janssen as Alma Elementary School 5th grade teacher.

In her letter of resignation, Janssen thanked the district for helping her build her foundation as an educator. In his letter of resignation, Amer stated that he was thankful for the support and leadership provided to him during his time in the district.

The board approved Sarah Eckstein as the Mental Health Liaison for the 2022-2023 school year.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 11.

JOB OLYMPICS



Left: Freshman Canyon Schmitz sorts towels in a timed competition. Schmitz placed second in the event. **Top:** Freshman Mercedes Kershaw makes change during a competition. **Above:** Sophomore Anthony Cherry sorts laundry. He also competed in vacuuming and wiping tables. Photos courtesy of Lance Fuller.

Cherry, Kershaw, Schmitz attend life skills competition

Lauren Schutter | sports editor

Three Wabaunsee students competed at Job Olympics March 3, with freshman Canyon Schmitz earning a second place finish in towel folding.

The Job Olympics – an annual competition held in multiple locations across Kansas – is a competition-based workshop that hosts more than 500 students total.

JOB OLYMPICS EVENTS
Mercedes Kershaw: hostess, job interview, stocking shelves, making change
Anthony Cherry: sorting laundry, vacuuming, wiping tables, folding towels
Canyon Schmitz: folding towels (2nd place), shredding, sorting laundry, stuffing and labeling envelopes

Around 100 competitors from the Manhattan area traveled to the K-State Recreation Center for last week’s competition.

The Job Olympics were developed in 2018 in response to requests from area transition coordinators and educa-

tors to have a local option for students to compete and participate in an activity in their community.

The event benefits students, as participants demonstrate future job skills in front of judges, who are business people from the community and professionals in education.

Freshmen Mercedes Kershaw and Canyon Schmitz, as well as sophomore Anthony Cherry, made the trip to Manhattan Thursday with teacher Lance Fuller. “It gets the kids out of a normal school setting and lets them do some life skills to get some post-secondary training in a competitive

sense,” Fuller said.

After the day of competitions – several being folding towels, hosting an event, interviewing for a job, or cleaning tables – the top finishers were rewarded for their efforts.

“I did better than I expected in all of the events, but the one I really did well in was making change. It was a very helpful event. I felt comfortable because I had people I knew there,” Kershaw said.

The top-placing schools and competitors are recognized with ribbons, medals and trophies. Our very own Canyon Schmitz placed second in towel-folding, a timed event.

Students, staff document teenage years with ‘Magic Age’ mixtapes

Eliza Barton | entertainment editor

WHS students take music very seriously, and it turns out that’s not an accident.

According to an essay from Shea Serrano’s 2021 book “Hip Hop and Other Things,” studies show that the music, movies and other pop culture that people experience between the ages of 14-20 have an amplified emotional impact. He called it the “Magic Age.”

English 1 students read the essay as part of their song analysis unit. “These lessons always go well, because the students choose to write about something that’s personal to them, not just a story I have chosen from a textbook,” teacher Brendan Praeger said.

After reading the essay, freshmen received a list of prompts to create their own mixtapes, and other students and faculty joined in as well. You can view some of their lists, as well as a link to a Spotify playlist of songs, at whscharger.com.

PICK A SONG THAT FILLED YOUR BODY WITH ELECTRICITY

- Sophomore Miguel Hernandez: “X Gon Give It To Ya” by DMX
- Freshman Meredith Denton: “Party in the USA” by Miley Cyrus

PICK A SONG THAT HAD A VIDEO YOU WENT NUTS FOR

- Freshman Ava Huske: “Californication” by Red Hot Chili Peppers
- Freshman Izzy Wright: “Montero” by Lil Nas X

PICK A SONG YOU DON’T HAVE TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING FOR

- Junior Paxton Meyer: “Girls, Girls, Girls” by Motley Crue
- Senior Jacob Daley: “Stacy’s Mom” by Fountains of Wayne

PICK A SONG THAT MADE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU KNEW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE IN LOVE

- Freshman Sadie Hartwich: “Favorite Crime” by Olivia Rodrigo
- Junior Bella Wade: “To be Loved by You” by Parker McCollum

PICK A SONG THAT HAD A SOUND IN IT THAT YOU’D NEVER HEARD BEFORE

- Teacher Brianna Guinn: “Transylvania” by Concubine Rasputina
- Senior Lauren Schutter: “J’OUVERT” by BROCKHAMPTON
- Senior Justin Carlson: “Human Sadness” by The Voidz

PICK A SONG THAT REMINDED YOU OF A PARTICULAR MOMENT

- Sophomore Alex Beggs: “Till I Collapse” by Eminem
- Freshman Sam Schutter: “Twerk” by City Girls
- Junior Jacob Meseke: “Centuries” by Fall Out Boy

PICK A SONG FROM THE SOUNDTRACK OF A MOVIE THAT CAME OUT DURING THIS TIME

- Junior AJ Grutsch: “3 is the Magic Number” from “Spider-man No Way Home”
- Junior Bella Wade: “I Like to Move It” by Will.i.am from “Madagascar”
- Freshman Dempsey Ibarra: “Lose Yourself” by Eminem from “8 Mile”

PICK A SONG THAT WAS EXCEPTIONALLY POPULAR

- Freshman Aubrey Imthurn: “Drivers License” by Olivia Rodrigo
- Senior Mayah Mumpower: “Careless Whispers” by Wham!
- Freshman Grady Perrin: “Lucid Dream” by Juice WRLD

PICK A SONG THAT MADE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU WERE WAY MORE GROWN THAN YOU ACTUALLY WERE

- Junior Collin Clark: “Wet Sand” by Red Hot Chili Peppers
- Freshman Payton Wurtz: “Somebody like You” by Adele
- Junior Robert Potter: “Sexyback” by Justin Timberlake

PICK A SONG THAT YOU SAID YOU LOVED BECAUSE ALL YOUR FRIENDS DID, BUT YOU SECRETLY KIND OF DIDN’T LIKE

- Freshman Robert Campbell: “Shake it Off” by Taylor Swift
- Freshman Hannah Piper: “Good for U” by Olivia Rodrigo