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The IZard County Consolidated School Board met in regular session on April 30th in the high school board room.

Superintendent Fred Walker told the board that the district plans to purchase a Google Chromebook for all students to use in grades 5-12 for the 2014-15 school year. Walker said a combination of federal and state funding will be used to purchase the Chromebooks and that the staff will be trained this summer to help assist the students utilize the new devices. Walker said the high school is also adding a new Biomedical Sciences program for the 2014-15 school year through a \$75,000 grant from the Arkansas Department of Career Education.

Walker announced that Seth Stapleton had been awarded one of 80 national \$1,000 scholarships from the National FFA Foundation recently.

Walker also announced that Congressman Rick Crawford was speaking at a Memorial Day assembly for the middle and high school students on May 13.

The board approved the re-employment of all classified staff who signed an intent to return for the 2014-15 school year with the exception of one position tabled until state funding for the 2014-15 school year is finalized. High School Maintenance Employee Max Williams and Bookkeeper Beatrice Davis are retiring from their respective positions at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Davis has been with the district for 41 years and Williams for 23 years. Walker commended both employees for their long and dedicated service to the district. Superintendent's Secretary Kelli Orf will take over Davis's position on July 1st. The board also accepted the resignation of high school teacher and softball coach Matt Orf.

Harmon also announced that the high school had several students and a teacher win awards in the State Laws of Life Contest recently. Senior winner were Lucia Repova won first place and \$500, Tyler Brewer second place and \$250, and Jordan Williams fourth place and \$100. Junior winners were Autumn Wiles second place and \$250, Tereza Cerna third place and \$200, and Mark Hatfield fourth place and \$100. Sophomore winners were Eric Vest first place and \$300 and Jamie Mullins fourth place and \$50.

High School Principal David Harmon announced that the Red Cross was donating a \$1,000 scholarship to the school in recognition of the support they receive from the school district with their Blood Drive each year. The Red Cross had donated a \$200 scholarship to the school earlier in the year as well.

Harmon commended the high school boys track team for winning the district track meet, the softball team for winning conference runner-up, and both the boys and girls junior high track teams for winning district runner-up.

Harmon also commended the mock trial team for competing well at the state competition recently. Team members were Lucas Smith, Renee Hall, Falyn Farmer, Adryanna Woodward, Jamie Mullins, Stephanie Wooten, Korey Beck, and Molly Taylor. The coach is Elizabeth Cowan and the attorney advisor is ICC alumnus Dustin Chapman of the Brazil, Adlong, and Mickel law Firm of Conway.

Harmon noted that two recent events, the Choir Concert and the Drama Play, had excellent performances in the Fine Arts Complex. Chelsia Phillips is the Choir Director and Danielle Treat is the Drama Teacher.