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School Board discusses International Day plans

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Unified School District 207 Board of Education met Feb. 28 in the library of Eisenhower Elementary School.

The board heard reports that included updates regarding the Patton Junior High School's first Tech Challenge Competition. Superintendent Keith Mispagel said this was Patton's second year competing in the robotics competition. He said participation was possible because of a grant from Northrop Grumman to support robotics two years ago.

The board approved January meeting minutes and addressed approved agenda items highlighted by a report regarding the upcoming district-wide International Day celebration by Deputy Superintendent SuAnn Grant.

International Day will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 14 in the Patton Junior High large gym, she said.

Grant said the format allows students from all of the district's elementary schools to attend at the same time with the grade-level peers from the other schools and interact for sessions of approximately 45 minutes per grade level. She said Patton students would be able to visit throughout the school day.

"We currently have 13 countries represented — Canada, Chile, Egypt, France, Germany, Israel, Jordan, Oman, Puerto Rico, Malaysia, Republic of Moldova, the Netherlands and Romania," Grant said. "We sent out a reminder letter last week to our international families to encourage them to participate."

Mispagel encouraged Grant to continue using available resources and local media outlets to get broadest dissemination of information about the event throughout the community.

"This is our second year of a district-wide International Day celebration," Grant said. "Everyone at Patton, including each department, continues to be very helpful and supportive of the event. We are looking forward to it."

Rich Holden, chief financial officer of USD 207, said stripes were added to the track at Patton Feb. 14. He said the district had the track resurfaced last year and the track season starts next month.

Holden also gave an update on the new MacArthur Elementary School erosion control project from the Dec. 13 board meeting.

Titan Land Development LLC subcontractor Metro Excavating started the work Feb. 7 and completed the main erosion control work Feb. 11, Holden said.

"Two items remain to be completed — placing erosion control matting over the work areas on the east side of the school and repairing one corner of the eastern most playground turf that was slightly damaged," he said.

Holden said Titan continues to manage and monitor the erosion control mats and the playground turf repair. He said the key points include the fact that rainwater from the southwest hillside and soccer field will be channeled properly to preclude erosion issues.

"Erosion to the old amphitheater area on the southeast side of MacArthur will be stopped and not affect the sidewalks or staircase on the east side of the school in the future," Holden said. "Jerry Litz (USD 207 director of Transportation and Grounds) and I will continue to monitor the results of the work throughout the coming spring rains and on into the summer."

The board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel. For more information, visit the USD 207 website at www.usd207.org.

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