

[Webster County School Board Wraps Up WCHS Renovation](#)

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WEBSTER COUNTY, KY - Ceiling tile in the Webster County High School annex that was determined to be the source of increased "acoustic" levels will be replaced this week, Webster County Board of Education members learned during their meeting Monday night.

Webster County School District Architect Tim Townsend told the board he consulted with an acoustical engineer about the sound level and would be following his recommendation.

Board members at their last meeting in June reviewed e-mail correspondence between Townsend and the consultant, and at the time questioned who would be responsible for the needed replacement of tiles. Monday night, Townsend said he and the contractor would take care of replacing 60 percent of the ceiling tile in the building with a type of tile that is more sound-absorbent.

In related business, the Webster County Board of Education approved two pay requests to Peyronin Construction for work on the Webster County High School renovation project, the purchase of five combi-ovens at a cost of \$17,150 each (according to information Webster County School District Superintendent James Kemp provided), and approved the installation of a handrail deemed necessary during a state building inspection. The handrail will be installed along a sidewalk that is now several inches taller than before the renovation, due to the fact that part of the project involved increasing the elevation of that portion of the building. Board members also approved revisions to the district's code of conduct, the purchase and installation of a storage building at Providence Elementary in the amount of \$2,150, and an update to the Kentucky School Board Association's 2010 board policy/procedure manual.

Scott Shoulders, representing the Webster County Dugout Club, gained permission for the club to fund the installation of drainage tile in the baseball field's outfield section. Shoulders said the club expected to have the funds to completely pay for the work, but Nance said the board would be willing to help cover the expense if necessary.

During his report to the board, Kemp asked members to consider making improvements to the high school track, and discussed potential plans for a dedication ceremony at the new WCHS addition. The ceremony will be held on Monday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m.

Other action Monday night included: ●The approval by consent of various fund raiser requests and field trips, the second reading of a board policy that eliminates the requirement to conduct attorney hiring interviews in closed session, and standard monthly reports; ●The approval of two contracts with Green River District Health for the creation of satellite site clinics and Hepatitis B vaccinations, a contract with the Office of Kentucky Vocational Rehabilitation for a "community-based work transition program," and a change in the extracurricular salary schedule that divides an assistant coach position into two categories. While the change doesn't affect the amount of pay provided, it does allow for any of the coaches to now earn a \$500 stipend for the

school's "power lifting" program; .tabled the purchase of signs for WCHS and the ATC building; and .tabled a request from Kemp to change the pay based on experience range for a particular classification of employee after learning the change would only affect one person.

During the meeting, Kemp said without the change, the district could lose the employee - who wasn't identified by name - but told The J-E on Tuesday that the person wasn't aware of the request. He said the particular position falls outside the normal design for experience-based pay increases.

"All I was trying to do was to correct for that (inequity in pay)," Kemp said.

The board adjourned the meeting following a closed session to discuss litigation. No action was reported following the closed session. Personnel changes were presented for board review as well. Changes included the employment of Matt Bell, assistant principal WCHS; Meryl Adams, WCHS English teacher; Marlena Starks, WCHS Family Consumer Science teacher; Jennie Hopper, Dixon Elementary, fourth grade teacher; Roseleen Root, Dixon Elementary math and science teacher; Leica Johnson, Slaughters Elementary librarian (part-time); Kyle Hobbs, Clay/Slaughters Elementary physical education teacher; Lori Gonzalez, migrant program teacher; Amber Chandler, James Park, and Thomas Herron, substitute teachers; Marcy Cherry, Rhonda Cruce and Heather Smith, instructional assistants; Mary Powell, Community Education Coordinator; Linda Dunn, WCHS custodian; and Nancy Bumpus and Michella Hayes, annex cooks/bakers; the resignation of Bob Dych, WCHS assistant principal; Wallace Uzzle, Webster County Alternative School lead teacher; Nathan Tanner, Webster County Alternative School teacher; Melissa Wright, Slaughters Elementary SDI instructional assistant; and Mike Duncan, Clay/Slaughters Elementary physical education teacher; and the change in assignment for Lori Corbin, Providence Elementary librarian/writing coach; Vernon Westerman, WCHS math interventionist; and Anita Hobgood, Providence Elementary food service manager. Providence Elementary cook/baker Sheila Hughes was awarded disability retirement, according to the personnel information provided.