School board moves fifth grade, approves some bids, graduation
by Cindy Glasman

The board moved fifth grade, replacing the auditorium building locks, graduation dates, semester’s end and the demolition of the old Lucerne school building were discussed during the Hot Springs County School Board meeting on March 19.

Superintendent Marty Kobza said, “It is our goal to have seniors graduate as soon as possible after the middle school students.”

Kobza added, “I feel this move would be an advantage for the middle school students.”

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The board voted unanimously to move the fifth grade from the elementary building to the middle school building.

Several options for the lack of space at the elementary school were discussed in public meetings, including modular classrooms.

An initial analysis showed an initial outlay for modular units of $13,117, a $250 monthly lease per unit and a total cost without utilities of $78,637 per year.

Adding the modular units would not impact programming or personnel, however, teachers reported some students have problems learning in that environment.

The current estimate is the middle school is space at 35% of capacity. Adding the fifth grade to the building will put at 50-50% of capacity, leaving plenty of space for Kobza’s school within the middle school building.

“I have children of my own this age,” said Kobza. “I feel this move would be an advantage for the middle school students.”

A $52,481 INCREASE

Nine bids were received for the project that will encompass removal and disposal of asbestos from the school prior to its demolition.

The board unanimously approved a $1,000 stipend to be paid to each participating school board.

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