

leyball for the school and playing travel softball for a team in Pittsburgh," Hoovler said. "They refused to provide an exemption due to an

"If this policy changes and band is not required, excluding two-sport exceptions, I fear that some incoming freshmen will com-

uning. Lori Horn spoke in favor of the marching band being required before concert band, and she ad-

Franklin board OKs resolution to sell district building

By **MARISSA DECHANT**
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Franklin Area School board voted 6-1 Monday night in favor of a resolution to approve the private sale of the district administration building to Child Development Centers for \$300,000.

Cheryl Ferry, David Graham, Erin Leccia, Marcia Patton, John Phillips and Randy Seitz approved the motion.

Misty Nalepa voted against the resolution. President Brian Spaid abstained, and Vice President Sabrina Backer was not present.

The district offices, which were moved to 702 Liberty St. in 2012, were deemed by the board to be unused and unnecessary for the district's purposes, according to the resolution.

The board will vote next week on a proposal by the HHS DR architect firm to complete surveys in Franklin Area Junior/Senior High School and Central Elementary. The survey will work to see if space in either school would be appropriate for the new district offices, said Superintendent Pamela Dye.

In other news, the board discussed the purchase of a new sign for the junior/senior high school.

The \$2,300 sign would reflect the change in name from the previous Franklin Area High School and Middle School.

Board member Leccia said she could not understand a reason for a new sign, especially with the district's ongoing budget deficit issues.

"It's a sign to let people know where the school is. They'll figure it out," said Leccia.

Dye said the new sign would look more professional.

"The sign should reflect the name change," said Dye.

Other notes from Monday's session included:

■ Venango County Commissioner Albert "Chip" Abramovic and Brittney Eisenman from the Clarion-Venango-Forest County Farm Bureau presented council with an opportunity to bring a mobile agricultural education lab to students grades kindergarten through eighth.

The district could receive a \$1,500 scholarship for the lab, which Eisenman recommended to be used for five days. The five-day curriculum would cost \$2,500, said Eisenman.

The 40-foot mobile trailer would consist of 12 stations, and two students could utilize each station, Eisenman explained.

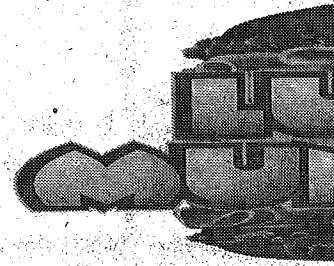
"It's a great opportunity to teach kids about our No. 1 industry," Abramovic said.

■ Spaid received a certificate of appreciation from the Pennsylvania School Board Association for eight years of service.

Franklin Area School board will next meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Franklin Area Junior/Senior High School library.

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