

Budget approved for school district

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tor Debbie Breckner provided an update on the district's continuing negotiations with its teachers' union representatives. The existing contract will expire on Saturday, June 30, but Breckner said that an agreement is "unlikely" to be reached before that date.

"As of today, we do not have an agreement with our teachers," Breckner said.

The last bargaining session occurred on June 1, Breckner said, but both sides have agreed to meet informally to discuss sticking points.

"We've come to a great deal of progress on language issues," Breckner said. But she added that differences remain regarding health insurance benefits.

TRSD officials are examining three separate insur-

ance options. Breckner said that salary and benefits cost the district approximately \$80,000 per teacher.

Kurt Davie, a teacher at Fleming Middle School in Merlin, read from a statement prepared by the union's bargaining team.

Davie said that the bargaining team recognizes the severity of the district's declining enrollment problem, but emphasized that teachers have been working hard to provide adequate classroom instruction and meet increased federal and state education standards.

"We're struggling, but we're doing it," he said.

During negotiations, TRSD thus far has asked teachers to contribute an additional \$1,200 per year toward health insurance costs, Davie said. The bargaining team

finds the request unacceptable.

"We're hoping our monetary requests are fully understood," Davie said.

Board Chairman Jim Weaver expressed optimism that "this will work out" in a way that will help teachers and keep the district financially solvent.

"I hope we can reach common ground in the future," Weaver said.

Director Phil Stephens moved that the district adopt the proposed \$42.4 million budget that had been approved by TRSD's Budget Committee earlier this month. Stephens added the condition that the board examine ways to improve the \$860,000 ending fund balance.

The motion was seconded by Director Bob Litak, and passed 4-1, with Leslie Meier voting "No."



JOSEPHINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S Office deputies Travis Snyder and Jim Geiger with their best friend 'Basco,' a 4-year-old Belgian Malinois, gave a drug dog demonstration prior to the Three Rivers School District directors meeting Monday, June 18. Board Chairman Jim Weaver looks on. (Photo by Illinois Valley News)

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