



Board of education members took a break from their meeting Tuesday night to enjoy a piece of cake celebrating the final bond payment on the East 9th St. school buildings. Earlier in the meeting, board members voted to approve a number of payments, including one for \$362,455 from the bond fund for that final payment. A lower tax levy in the 2009-10 school budget, which was also approved by the board Tuesday, was helped considerably by the fact there is no money being assessed for the bond fund now that the buildings are paid for. Board members also voted Tuesday to further reduce the tax askings for the building fund by \$101,000 from what was proposed. Board members pictured with the “paid in full” cake include, seated from left, Penny Strand and Sheila Stromberger, back from left, Dirk Haarberg, Karl Meeske, Gregg Smith, Tom Gaschler, Bob Milner, Todd Burpo, Charley Colton, student board member Chevy Smith and School Supt. Matt Fisher. More on the board meeting and budget hearing will be in next week’s issue. (Republican photo)