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A May, 2010, graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University was hired for Chase County Schools' math/science position.

Christopher Sander of Rising City, Neb., was recommended by the school administration for the position, which gained board approval at last week's May 11 meeting.

Sander will be teaching some of the classes taught this year by Dianne Radcliffe, who is retiring.

Also at last week's meeting, the board hired a full-time reading/special education teacher, hired the classified staff and approved wage increases for them.

Sander will also coach

While the administration is still refining the schedules, Supt. Matt Fisher said Sander will likely teach either seventh or eighth grade math, seventh or eighth grade science and a high school math class.

He'll also be an assistant high school football coach and asst. coach for the high school girls' basketball team.

Sander graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in mathematics with a secondary education endorsement. He was also a member of the Wesleyan football team.

He did his student teaching in the Milford Public Schools, where he taught algebra and geometry classes, and was also an assistant speech coach for three years.

He's also been a Cornhusker Boys' State counselor and an FCA huddle leader.

Some of the coaching Sander is assuming became available when Marc Mroczek was hired as the school's Activities Direction (A.D.) for 2010-11. Mroczek was head girls' basketball coach and an assistant for the Longhorn football program for several years.

Nancy Sorensen will be the head high school girls' coach for basketball in 2010-11. The board will be formally acting on coaching positions in June.

Supt. Fisher said the administration interviewed six individuals for the teaching/coaching position out of a pool of 15-16 applicants.

Other positions

Jaclyn Paisley, who has been a part-time teacher this semester in the school's Reading Mastery Program, was hired for a full-time position this fall.

In addition to continuing with the reading program, Supt. Fisher said she will be assuming some special education classes, as well.

Fisher said she will be working on a provisional endorsement for the special education classes.

All classified employees (aides, bus drivers, secretaries, lunchroom help, custodians, etc.) were rehired with a 50-cent per hour across-the-board raise (4.19% increase) included for the 2010-11 school year, with some exceptions.

Bus drivers received a 4.12% average raise, while maintenance supervisor Kent Silvester's salary was increased from \$46,400 to \$47,800, or 3.02%.

All full-time employees receive full health coverage, as well.

Supt. Fisher said all teaching positions are filled for 2010-11. Signed contracts were due back from the teachers the first of May.

There are still some coaching positions to be filled, including an asst. high school football

coach. The team had one less asst. coach last year, compared to previous years, but numbers are expected to be up over 40 for the 2010 season, Fisher said.

The board will be considering adding the additional football coach at the June meeting. That person will likely be hired from the community versus the teaching staff, he said.