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The Imperial Republican

Susan (Susie) Stewart of Friend, Neb., received a unanimous vote as Chase County Schools' next K-6 principal.

The 9-0 approval came Tuesday night at the CCS board of education meeting.

She will assume the elementary principal's position from Pat Lane, who resigned earlier this year due to his daughter's health issues which seemed to worsen in this area. Lane served as principal the past two school years.

This will be Stewart's first position as a principal. She currently is a grade 4-6 teacher with the McCool Junction School in eastern Nebraska, where she also serves as the school's Curriculum and Assessment Director.

In 2012, Stewart earned a Master's of Education in Educational Leadership from Doane College. She also holds a master's in Curriculum and Instruction, also from Doane, awarded in 2005.

She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Doane in 1993.

Stewart started her teaching career in 1994 at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Beatrice, and continued teaching there in grades 4-6 until 1998. She was employed as a sixth grade teacher, taught fifth grade science and 4-6 physical education.

From 1998 to 2010, she taught in the Friend Public School System as a Title I teacher, curriculum coordinator for elementary social studies, was a second grade teacher and headed a high ability after-school program.

She moved to the McCool Junction Public School in 2010.

Stewart also did some coaching while at Friend Public School as an assistant girls' high school basketball and head volleyball coach.

As head volleyball coach, her team was ranked in the top 10 in C2 and was a state qualifier.

Stewart will receive an annual salary of \$70,000 for the 2013-14 school year.

Her contract states she will start her new position on or about July 30.

Stewart was one of four candidates interviewed for the principal's position.

Math teacher hired

Also hired in action Tuesday was Kristin McCarty Schueler as a math teacher at CCS.

She replaces Chris Sander, who resigned earlier this school year.

Schueler, who now resides in Lamar, Neb., holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering, earned in 1980 from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

She received a Master's of Arts in Education in 2004 from Virginia Polytechnic in Falls Church, Va.

Her experience includes teaching at Prince William County Schools, where she taught high school physics, algebra I and II, trigonometry and advanced math.

Other teaching experience includes math instruction at a private school in Woodbridge, Va., a math SAT prep teacher and teaching graduate education classes for gifted learners and English speakers of other languages.

She also has experience in sales.

More on Tuesday's school board meeting will appear in next week's edition.