

SCHOOLS

Board soon will begin review of treasurer applications

■ *Deadline for applicants is June 22; the district hopes to fill the position by August.*

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Worthington school board members at Monday's meeting established a timeline for reviewing applications for the open treasurer position and approved board policy that established the qualifications and duties of that position.

Superintendent Melissa Conrath asked board members to come up with a date to review applications for treasurer.

"You should be reviewing applications within about 10 days from the application close date and come up with days for the first interviews," she said. "I hate to delay this too long, and would like to

get a treasurer on board early in August."

Former Treasurer Jonathan Boyd accepted a position with Cincinnati Public Schools on May 1.

Board members hashed over dates, then decided on meeting at 6:30 p.m. July 5 to review applications. They will ask applicants to reserve July 10 and 11th for preliminary interviews.

The Ohio Association of School Business Officials is conducting the search for the district at a cost of around \$6,700.

Interim Treasurer Tracy DeMatteo said a brochure outlining the job position was prepared by the association and mailed to all school districts in Ohio.

The deadline for the return of applications is June 22.

Two board members said they were not fully informed about the process.

"I thought we'd decided we didn't need the

brochure," Marc Schare said.

Board President Bob Horton said the decision was an "alteration to the process" discussed in two meetings with the association.

"Personnel from OASBO and our acting Treasurer (Tracy) DeMatteo said we needed a brochure after all, so we told them to go ahead and send it," he said.

"I would have liked knowing about the brochure also," said Charlie Wilson.

Schare said the association indicated board members would get all applications as they arrived.

The association is advertising the position on its job board at the Web site oasbo-ohio.org and includes a link to the district Web site's profile page, worthington.k12.oh.us/district.php.

DeMatteo said she will check with David Varda of the association to see if any applications have been received.

Board members originally asked the search firm to create a timeline that could put a treasurer in place by Aug. 1.

Members agreed on the duties of the school treasurer and approved a policy listing qualifications and duties during Monday's meeting.

Besides taking care of the district finances and preparing financial reports, the policy states the treasurer must attend all meetings and record proceedings, receive and maintain all official board records and correspondence, administer board policy regarding facility and equipment use for the district, and establish a program of public relations to keep the public "well informed of the activities and needs of the school district."

Track star honored

Also at Monday's meeting, board members recognized Claire Durkin, a junior at Worthington Kilbourne

High School, for her performance at the state track and field meet Saturday.

Wilson said Durkin set new records in both the 1,600-meter run (4:52) and the 3,200-meter run (10:33). She was second in the 1,600 and state champion in the 3,200.

"Claire is the first individual state track and field champion for Worthington Kilbourne High School," he said. "Claire exhibits the kind of excellence this district strives to have. Not only is she an outstanding athlete, but a star in the classroom as well."

Durkin accepted a certificate and district pin.

"Thanks to all my coaches for all they done to help me achieve my goals," she said, "and I'd like to thank my mom, too."

Up to code

In other board business, members passed a policy

Monday to comply with the Ohio Athletic Code in determining which pupil activity programs involved routine or regular physical activity. The policy stated individuals who direct or supervise the activities must provide evidence of CPR training.

The activities included high school jazz band, marching band, drill team, intramurals, pep band, drama, winter percussion, student council, vocal music, winter guard/dance and musical choreography.

Middle school activities included dance/drill team, intramurals, winter guard dance and marching band.

The only elementary activity listed was intramurals.

The next board meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. June 25 at the Worthington Education Center, 200 E. Wilson Bridge Road.