

BOONE BEGINS PROGRAM CURTAILMENT PROCESS

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The Daniel Boone School Board voted 6-2 Monday night to proceed with the process of curtailing 14 district programs as one of several “levers” to reduce the \$4.9 million 2013-14 budget deficit.

Board members will vote Feb. 25 on the resolution to submit the 14 curtailments to the state Department of Education.

If approved, the programs are not curtailed until the board approves the district’s final budget at the end of June.

Member Robert D. McLaughlin was absent from the meeting, and members Kevin F. McCullough and Connor J. Kurtz opposed the motion to prepare the curtailment resolution.

Superintendent Dr. Gary L. Otto said the district doesn’t have a statutory requirement to provide the following, all of which could be curtailed in order to furlough the staff connected with the programs.

The list includes the elimination of kindergarten, basic skills programs, elementary band and eliminating the Amity Primary Center (APC) elementary assistant principal if that school is closed beginning with 2013-14.

Programs slated for reduction, instead of elimination, are elementary general classroom teachers, Middle School English, math, science, and social studies teachers (by eliminating one of three teams), High School science, business education and physical education teachers, reducing the elementary library program and school psychologist.