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SKYLINE HISTORY

In the beginning, there was Bob Moore

By Gale Rose
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The creation of Skyline Schools in 1967 meant the end to schools in four communities in Pratt County.

Consolidation was mandated by the state legislature but it was up to the various school boards to make the decisions that would ultimately lead to new Unified School Districts across Kansas including USD 438 Skyline.

Bob Moore was on the original Board of Education and remembers the challenges the board faced to make Skyline Schools a reality. The USDs were going to happen and the

Board had to take action.

"We had no say. If we didn't do something, the state was going to mandate it," Moore said.

The Board was elected in 1965 and consisted of Bob Moore-president, Lothair Dauner-vice president, Bill Kenworthy, Clarence Newby, Jess Stratford Jr. and Charles Cooper.

In their first conversations, it was clear the state wanted them to be a county unit and the only way for that to succeed was to put all the county schools together.

It did not get off to a smooth start.

A vote for county unifi-

cation in 1964 showed that was not going to work. The vote in the rural areas was defeated with 1063 voting against and only 82 voting for county unification. The vote in Pratt passed but by a narrow margin.

So a unified school district made of existing schools became the goal. There were certain qualifications to become a USD. The area had to cover at least 200 square miles, have a valuation of at least \$2 million and have a student population of at least 400. While the land numbers were doable, it was clear that the districts couldn't survive by them-

selves because of student numbers, Moore said.

"The schools were all about the same age so we started thinking about going together and build a school," Moore said. "As Board members we all thought we should go together."

But selling the idea to the public would be a challenge. And some doubted the district would last if it became a reality.

"My doctor and my car dealer told me personally 'You won't last five years,'" Moore said.

In truth, the Board knew it was going to be a challenge.

There was room for



Bob Moore served as president of the first Board of Education for USD 438. PHOTO BY GALE ROSE



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doubt that a unified school district would be accepted. After all, the rural patrons had resoundingly said no to county unification. The Board had to convince a lot of people that forming a USD was the way to go. So the board took their show on the road and started selling the idea that it would work.

"We (school board) went to each town and talked to the people in person. We went to each school and presented our ideas," Moore said. "We took questions and took a vote at each meeting. It was favored by a great majority including Iuka and Preston."

Eventually, the State Board of Education removed Iuka from the mix and Preston petitioned successfully to be removed leaving Byers, Coats, Cullison and Sawyer.

With public opinion on their side, the Board had to figure out what they wanted to build and where they could build it. The Board chose Schafer Shermer Eflin Architects for the project.

Then came the bond issue. The public was going to have to support a bond issue and it was going to be expensive. The board knew the public would take a hard look at the cost and they came up with a bond of \$959,000, a number that had psychological value.

"We felt like it had to be less than \$1 million," Moore said.

Whether or not keeping the bond below \$1 million would have made a difference in the vote is unknown but the bond passed on May 31, 1966. The project was put out for bids with Dondlinger and Sons of Wichita as the low bidder.

The Board wanted a lo-

cation centered among the school districts for the school and fairly close to Pratt. For a time, they considered an area just north of the current location for Pratt Community College but that was dropped in favor of the current location.

The Board tried to buy the land outright but couldn't agree on a price so eminent domain was used to get the land that belonged to Luke Mowbra. The price for the 40 acres was \$34,340.

Coming up with a name for the new USD was fairly simple. The schools were in the Skyline league so Skyline Schools was chosen. The Thunderbirds came from the Air Force precision flying team.

As for choosing the school colors, the Board didn't want to use colors from any of the four schools to prevent anyone from being unhappy. The school colors and mascots for the four schools were: Byers Hornets-Black and Orange; Coats Bulldogs-Royal Blue and White; Cullison Owls-Black and Red; Sawyer Eagles-Yellow and Purple.

The Thunderbirds flying team colors are Columbia Blue and White so that was the color choice for the school.

And as for the USD number, that was determined by the state.

Not every family in the new USD territory want-

ed to stay. Some were closer to other schools and the board didn't contest anyone that wanted to leave, Moore said.

Overall, everything went

better than expected. The Board worked well together and that helped make the project a success.

"The Board was very compatible. It benefitted

us all and that was helpful," Moore said.

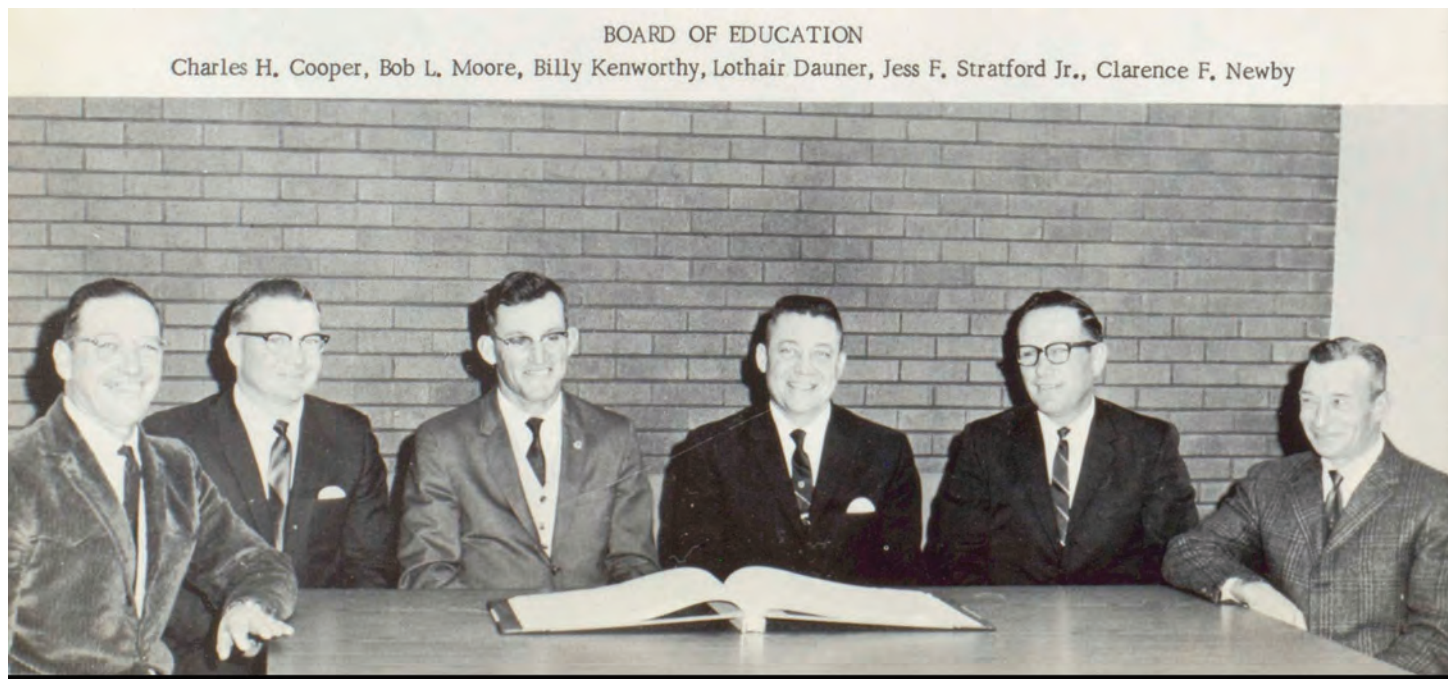
As for Moore's doctor and car dealer, their prediction was wrong. Skyline now heads into the next 50

years with the same goal they started with, to prepare their students for the future.

SKYLINE BOARD OF EDUCATION BREAKS GROUND DECEMBER 1966



Skyline Schools Board of Education members pictured at the ground breaking ceremony at the site of the school on Dec. 7, 1966 are (from left) Bill Kenworthy, Clarence Newby, Jess Stratford Jr., Bob Moore-president, Charles Cooper, Lothair Dauner-vice president, Superintendent Joe Hickey and Robert Eflin of the project architect firm of Schafer, Schirmer and Eflin of Wichita.



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Charles H. Cooper, Bob L. Moore, Billy Kenworthy, Lothair Dauner, Jess F. Stratford Jr., Clarence F. Newby

CONSOLIDATION

Schools jockey for district placement, Skyline emerges

By Gale Rose
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Just as so much of education is tied to the Kansas Legislature today, the creation of Skyline Schools and USD 438 was tied to the Legislature back in 1963 when the State mandated the consolidation of schools.

The mandate required the new consolidated districts to have a minimum of 400 students in grades 1-12, at least 200 square miles of territory and have a property valuation of at least \$2 million. Several options for Pratt County were considered including having a county school district but that option failed in June 1964 with

82 yes and 1063 no votes in the county while the city of Pratt voted for the plan with 416 yes and 369 no votes.

Other options were considered and a district composed of Byers, Coats, Cullison, Iuka, Preston and Sawyer was proposed and the patrons approved the concept. The Kansas State Board of Education got the plan in early 1965.

However, the State Board removed Iuka from this plan. Then Preston, that had already made a commitment to the new district, decided they didn't want to be in the new district and made a successful petition to be removed.

Both Iuka and Preston

districts joined with the Pratt USD 382 District.

With the schools in the district determined, the process of finding a location took center stage. The first site was on the northeast edge of Pratt and would be close to the site where the new Pratt Community College (then Pratt Junior College) facility would be constructed.

Having Skyline close to the college meant that students had easy access to the PCC campus and could take advantage of their classes. The site was also nearly the geographical center of the district when Iuka and Preston were still part of the proposed district.

Utilities was also avail-

able at the site and a proposed bypass around Pratt would give a convenient access to U.S. 54. After 50 years, the land for the bypass has been purchased and the engineering is done but no plans and no funds for the bypass construction.

The college eventually did build on their current site on K-61 Highway but USD 438 looked for a different location.

When the patrons passed a \$959,000 bond issue to build Skyline Schools on May 31, 1966, it was considered important to keep the bond below \$1 million to get patrons to vote in favor of the bond.

On July 14, 1966, Ranson and Company of Wichita, the low bidder on the bond issue, was awarded the bonds.

Finally, the decision was made July 19, 1966 to build at the present location two miles west of Pratt on old highway 54. The new facility would be called Skyline Schools because it made up the majority of the Skyline League. The new school colors would Columbia Blue and White and the mascot would be the Thunderbird.

Dondlinger and Sons of Wichita were low bidders

on the building and were awarded the contract on Nov. 23, 1966.

The official ground breaking was Dec. 7, 1966 with ceremonies held at the site.

By Aug. 17, 1967, the building was substantially complete and enrollment was held in the building on Aug. 30, 1967.

The first day of classes in the new building was Sept. 5, 1967. The open house and official dedication took place Nov. 19, 1967.

The combined populations of the four schools were: 25-grade 1; 24-grade 2; 38-grade 3; 28-grade 4; 31-grade 5; 27-grade 6; 32-grade 7; 27-grade 8; 33-grade 9; 28-grade 10; 31-grade 11; 26-grade 12; total combined enrollment was 350 students.

The USD 438 District was actually in operation in 1966-1967 during the facility construction while school was still being conducted at Byers, Coats, Cullison and Sawyer.

Construction was completed and Skyline Schools opened in the fall of 1967 with the first graduation in May of 1968. The Board of Education at the time consisted of Bob Moore-president, Lothair Dauner-vice president, Charles Cooper, Jess Stratford Jr., Clarence Newby and Bill Kenwor-

thy. The first Superintendent of Schools was Joe Hickey, High School Principal was Jerry Hall and Elementary Principal was Lindon Swafford.

Several additions and improvements have been made to the school since it opened in 1967.

- 1971-1972 Bus Maintenance and Vocational Education Building.

- 1978-1979 Practice Gymnasium and Classroom Addition.

- 1984-1985 Classrooms added to the west side of the main building.

- 1990-1991 Industrial Education Building, more classrooms added to west side of main building.

- 2005-2006 Weight Room, Restrooms and Concession Stand building added to the football field.

- Several areas of the facility have been remodeled and repurposed to meet safety, student and curricular needs.

Superintendents hired to serve at Skyline, from the beginning of the district until 2018 follow:

1966-1979	Joe Hickey.
1979-1982	James Easter.
1982-2005	A. C. Boland.
2005-2015	Mike Sanders.
2015-Present	Becca Flowers.

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TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

These people made it work

By Gale Rose

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When Skyline began its journey 50 years ago, there was a dedicated group of teachers and administrators that helped launch the Skyline Thunderbirds on their path to success.

Board of Education: Bob Moore-president, Lothair Dauner-vice president, Charles Cooper, Clarence Newby, Bill Kenworthy and Jess Stratford Jr.

Superintendent of Schools Joe Hickey, High School Principal Jerry Hall, Elementary Principal Lindon Swafford.

USD 438 Faculty Sawyer elementary: Ruth Mason-first grade,

Margaret Brown-second grade, Otie Beldon-third grade, Nancy Howell-fourth grade, Lela Block-fifth grade, Forrest Mason-sixth grade, Bill Shelton-custodian, Hazel Dauner-head cook, Alice Glenn-assistant cook.

Skyline Elementary:

Lucille Rose-kindergarten and special education, Grace Huffman-first grade, Mildred Hendricks-second grade, Charlene Newby-third grade, Charlotte Swonger-fourth grade, Opal Hemphill-fifth grade, Sheila Bales-sixth grade, Margaret Worthington-physical fitness (Sawyer and Skyline), Judith White-reading improvement program (Sawyer and Skyline).

Skyline Secondary:

Dolly Thompson-seventh and eighth reading, spelling, history; Ralph Bisel-seventh and eighth mathematics; Larry Sitner-grades 7-12 science; Lanny Ellis-grades 9-12 mathematics and science; Charles Worthington-grades 9-12 mathematics and science; Leta Henning-grades 7-10 English; Robert Thompson-Social Studies; Tarrel Lashley-grades 7-12 wood working and drafting; Wallace Kneller-grades 9-12 metal work and drafting; Alice Kennedy-Commerce; Roy Innis-commerce and girl's athletics; Bill Anderson-grades 10-12 English; Glenda Roberts-foreign Language (Spanish and

French); Pat Jones-home economics; Margaret Worthington-girls physical education; Gerald Weaver-instrumental music (Sawyer and Skyline); Dave Falconer-driver education and basketball; Robert Ogle-health and football; Bertha Innis-librarian; Ann Ogle-school nurse (Skyline and Sawyer); Lola Tucker-secretary to principals; Lloyd Lesley-custodial supply supervisor and custodian; Ed Wait-maintenance supervisor and custodian; Charlie Rose-transportation and grounds supervisor; Coleen Chance-head cook; Alberta Wait-assistant cook; Cleo Hammond-cooks helper; Maxine Crosley-cooks helper.

These people assisted student education in a building completed in August 1967 with additions in following years. In 1972 an auto mechanic shop, bus barn and two more classrooms were added. A practice gym, weight room and four more classrooms were added in 1978. More classrooms, auxiliary library space and a technology education building were constructed in 1990.



First Skyline Superintendent Joe Hickey gave students the following message in the 1968 Skyline Schools yearbook.

One always derives a great deal of satisfaction in being associated with successful people.

Needless to say, the Students of Skyline have been quite successful in their many endeavors this year. We take this opportunity to commend you for these fine achievements.

The opportunities are great. You have an excellent facility in which to gain a firm foundation for a never ending process - "Education". Take advantage of it.

Best wishes to all of you.

Joe S. Hickey

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Rosenbaum part of three-generation Thunderbird family



By Ashley Fitzsimmons
Special to the Pratt Tribune

Skyline alumna, Jessica (Hemphill) Rosenbaum attend Skyline School from Kindergarten through the 12th grade and was the second generation in her family to do so.

After graduating in 2007, Rosenbaum decided to attend Pratt Community College to major in nursing. Those dreams were put on hold however, as she chose to focus on her larger dream of being a stay-at-home mom for her two kids, Jackson (9) and Tamryn (6).

Rosenbaum and her husband, Tate, were both born and raised in the Pratt area and knew this was the right place to raise a family and be a part of a

great community.

"I have been very active in volunteering at our local church in many areas of over the years and with having two active kids, this has kept me on my toes," said Rosenbaum.

Completing all 13 years of her education at Skyline was an amazing experience for Rosenbaum, one she would not trade. She has many fond memories of Skyline, from Mrs. Tanner reading "Hank the cowdog" to her as a fifth grader to the time in band when Mr. Gill just about lost his teeth, there was never a dull moment.

"Coach Jones always pushed us to be our best," said Rosenbaum. "Ms. Withers reminded everyone to be pleasant and charming every morning

as she walked the hallway."

It was evident that the faculty created a positive and fun environment during Rosenbaum's time at Skyline.

"Our teachers really cared about us and that showed," said Rosenbaum. "The friendships I have built while there have been life lasting."

Because of Rosenbaum's positive experiences, she knew it was going to be an easy decision to send both her children to Skyline. Skyline Schools provided her with strong values and a quality education.

"They are the third generation of our family who will have attended Skyline," said Rosenbaum. "We are proud to be Thunderbirds."

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Jessica Hemphill Rosenbaum is a second generation Skyline student, her children, Jackson (9) and Tamryn (6) continue as third generation Thunderbirds. Jessica and her husband, Tate Rosenbaum, are Pratt County natives and believe it is a great place to raise a family. COURTESY PHOTO

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Befort is bank executive

By Ashley Fitzsimmons
Special to the Pratt Tribune

In 1967, Lisa (Kenworthy) Befort made history and was in the first Kindergarten class for Skyline Schools. Her father, Bill Kenworthy, was a member of the original school board. Befort was a part of the few in her class that started and completed school at Skyline.

Befort had lots of fond memories of her time at Skyline with friends and classmates. One of the memories that stuck out the most was winning state basketball and going to state track.

"That's just a once in a lifetime thing," said Befort.

One thing that is special about Skyline is K-12 is all in one building and creates a positive atmosphere for students to interact with each other. Younger students looking to the high school students as role models and what an impact that created for her.

"I can remember being in grade school and looking up to all the kids that were like in high school and think how cool is that," said Befort.

She remembers that same feeling as a high school student watching the younger students looking up to her as a role model.

Befort graduated from Skyline Schools in 1980. She calls Pratt home and her days are kept busy working at the First National Bank in Cunningham as the Executive Vice President and loving on her two granddaughters,



Lisa Kenworthy Befort was a Skyline Kindergarten student in 1967. She graduated from Skyline in 1980 and went on to become the Executive Vice President of First National Bank in Cunningham. She is pictured with her husband and one of her granddaughters, Kennedy. She remains active in Skyline culture as president of the Skyline School Foundation. COURTESY PHOTO

Kennedy and Piper. Even though her two sons, Trey and Trent, have graduated from Skyline, Befort remains active in the school as the president of the Skyline School Foundation.

Skyline has always kept a special place in Befort's heart and she knew that it was the right place for her to raise her boys.

"The most important thing I think that my feeling is with Skyline is just that the closeness of the teachers and the students and just that family relationship that I felt and grade school and when my kids were there," said Befort.

Family is the word that comes to mind with thinking about Skyline and Be-

fort knows that she can always call it home.

"It was like an extension of my family they were my Skyline family and still are," said Befort.

She said she always felt a comfort at school and it was a safe place for her, her children and someday her grandchildren to be. A good place to get an education.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

From Skyline to Fort Hays to an accountant, Wade grateful for lessons

By Ashley Fitzsimmons
Special to the Pratt Tribune

Will Wade was not like most of his peers that attended Skyline. Walking into a new school for most students can be intimidating but not for him.

"I chose to leave Pratt because I had more friends that I had made through 4-H that were at Skyline," said Wade.

Wade came to Skyline in middle school and graduated in 2009. He was active in many clubs and sports all four years of high school.

"I'm very grateful for all the lessons I learned from my coaches and teammates," said Wade.

When thinking back on his time at Skyline there were many memories of classmates, friends and faculty. Wade's favorite memory was his classes senior class prank.

"We filled the courtyard with ducks and chickens," said Wade. "The look on the little kids faces when they saw all the animals was awesome to see."



Will Wade graduated from Skyline Schools in 2009, then earned a degree from Fort Hays State University, and now works as an accountant. COURTESY PHOTO

Wade moved back to Pratt after graduating from Fort Hays State University and is working as an accountant at Patton, Cramer & Lapid Chartered office. He keeps himself busy refereeing basketball games and trap shooting out at the Pratt Trap Club.

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LOOKING FORWARD

Changes to benefit students are evolving

By Gale Rose

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The first 50 years of Skyline's history are in the book. As the next chapter of the Skyline story takes shape, many changes will occur that no one can foresee. The same was true when Skyline opened its doors in 1967.

Skyline Superintendent



Becca Flowers pins a corsage on her 2012 Skyline graduating son, Adam Flowers. Becca Flowers started as USD 438 Superintendent in 2015 and continues to lead the Thunderbirds through educational challenges and changes. COURTESY

PHOTO

Becca Flowers has been superintendent since 2015 but she started her career at Skyline in 1989 when she was hired to establish a school counseling program. She became K-8 Principal in 2011 then took over the superintendent's duties.

She has seen a lot of changes over the 29 years she has been at Skyline but says the heart of Skyline is and will always be great relationships and decisions made on behalf of the students.

Flowers has seen numerous changes during her tenure at Skyline. A preschool was added to the district and started in the fall of 2017. A new playground area was created in front of the school for these students and it has been a successful addition to the district.

New buildings and courses have been added over the years and changes in technology have been a driving force in the district.

"Many of the

changes that have happened at Skyline since I've been here can be attributed to the advancement of technology in one way or the other," Flowers said.

Text books have taken a backseat to the information and resources available on the web. We still use some textbooks, but we are able to supplement a lot more with the most updated practices and information.

Communication with parents has changed; parents can frequently look on the internet to see their child's academic progress. It's not unusual for teachers and parents to email and text to discuss a student's progress.

Flowers said it was exciting when were able to get a few of the early computers, and now every staff member has a lap top assigned to them. And every student uses some kind of digital device.

"Students are able to get engaged in learning activities that utilize technology to learn new information, solve problems and present their information," she said.

Technology has also introduced its share of chal-

lenges. The ability to connect so far and so fast in a responsible way can easily surpass a young person's level of maturity. It's critical that our students develop a commitment to responsible use of technology and social media; their future relationships, employment and education will depend on this.

"We would have never dreamed 30 years ago how critical this component would be to student success," she said.

According to Flowers, technology has also been a hinge pin that has changed the world of work. For many of our students, their future depends on their ability to find their niche in 21st Century work, we've got to make sure they are well prepared for that. Their ability to find that niche won't be determined by their ability to recall memorized information or pass multiple choice tests, they will find their niche by being able to communicate, collaborate, think-deeply, problem solve, etc. All students need to develop these skills in order to be productive members of their communities. This presents us with tremendous opportunities to expand our teaching methods to ensure that all students develop those skills.

"Technology has also helped us to broaden our learning opportunities with on-line learning, virtual tours and collaboration. One day I watched in amazement as our 4th graders interacted with 4th grade peers in Alaska, that sure wasn't happening 30 years ago. Next

year we will be able to offer at least 4 different foreign language options to our students through on-line learning facilitated by an on-site facilitator," she said.

Academic contests and events have developed into contests that require coding and programming robots.

"I was very excited when we started a vocational agriculture program in 2016. This will provide our students with tremendous opportunities to grow their leadership skills. Agriculture is the economic driver of this community and this program will definitely help raise our students to be adults who contribute to and appreciate the great agriculture industry surrounding us," Flowers said.

The Kansas State Board of Education has developed the Kansans Can vision for education. This vision is so awesome because it truly calls school districts to make the necessary changes that will result in a relevant education for every Kansas student. The new direction from the Kansas State Department of Education and the KSBOE has been a game changer for pivoting the direction of education in Kansas.

In just the past year, the Kansas State Department of Education recognizes Skyline as a Gemini Redesign district which means that the district is researching and developing plans to implement changes to the way they educate their students.

"One minor change we made was to eliminate

most of the bells that ring throughout the day, this practice is no longer relevant and our students will not be in situations beyond high school where a bell, buzzer or siren signals them to get up and move," Flowers said. "They are going to have the opportunity to use their resources to get where they need to be on time, a life skill they will need forever. Our high school students will be on a different schedule next year that will continue to provide them with the opportunity for great learning and will also remove some of the one-size-fits-all structure of the day that will require students to plan and utilize their time, another essential skill of successful adults."

Flowers said things have changed over the last 29 years at Skyline. What and how the students learn has to change; but the great relationships and strong values that form the culture of the district has stayed the same and has to remain the same.

"I can't begin to put into words the tremendous appreciation I have for this school district. The Skyline community is very supportive of the district. The families that entrust their children to us are remarkable.

"In addition to having great children, they partner with the district to make Skyline a great place. The staff here are traditionally remarkable people whose dedication to students is unmatched. And the students, our students are awesome," Flowers said.

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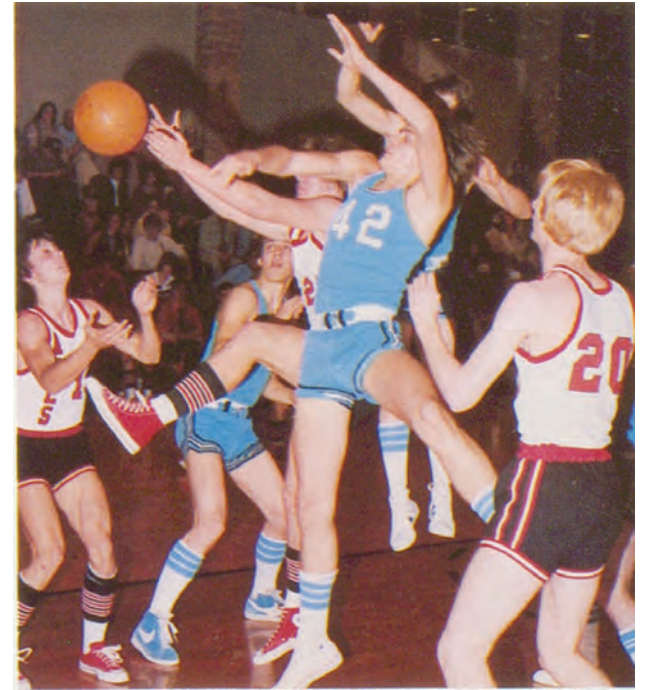


First graders scrub-a-dub-dub in a yellow bathtub.

FROM THE SKYLINE YEARBOOK 1980



Steve Tibbetts grapples for a rebound in a 1978 Skyline basketball game.



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Skyline 8th graders work together in 2018. COURTESY PHOTO

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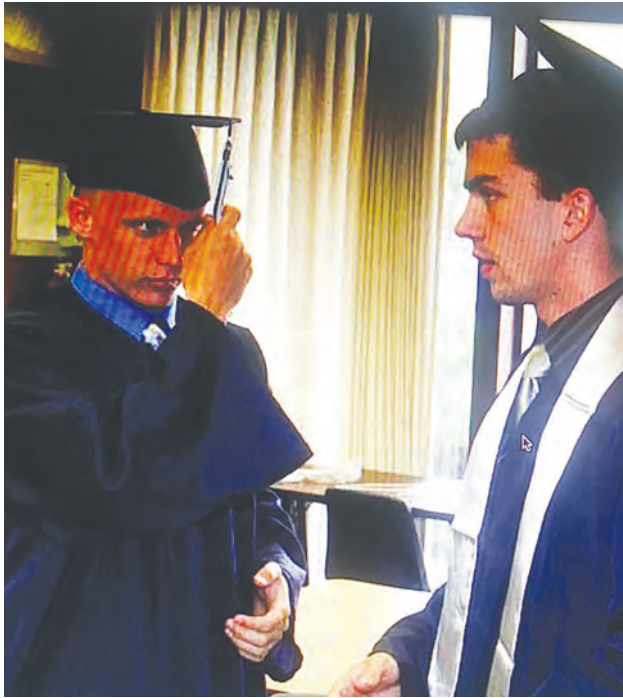
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2012 Skyline graduating seniors Brandon Broce and Tyler Morelan work on getting the diploma hat cord turn just right. COURTESY PHOTO



The 2017 Skyline Entrepreneurship class in prepares and freezes pre-made meals for families from four to six members then sells the meals to raise money for the class. Preparing meals are (from left) Tyler Tobin, Cooper Gates, Colton Gamble, Consumer Science teacher Cheri Haskett, Kenleigh Nation and Jay Crowdis. PHOTO BY GALE ROSE

Skyline Reunion schedule

The Skyline Schools Foundation will host the 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Skyline Schools.

Reunion Event schedule:

3 p.m. Alumni Band Practice with current band directors Bob Lee and Steven Novotny.

5 p.m. Registration and School Tours.

6 p.m. Meal.

7 p.m. Alumni Band performs.

7:30 p.m. Various recognitions followed by an auction.

8:30 p.m. to midnight Reunion Party at the Pratt Elks Lodge on West Fifth Street in Pratt. Music provided. \$5 per person cover charge.



Raul Rios and Montana Kocher share a laugh after graduation ceremonies for the class of 2017. PHOTO BY GALE ROSE

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