

Board creates Kilby Commons

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The Great Bend USD 428 Board of Education moved toward honoring Nobel Prize winner Jack Kilby by resolving to create the Jack Kilby Commons area at Great Bend High School.

"I believe it will be an appropriate place to honor a man that has honored this community and school district with his accomplishments," Board Member Dwight Young said. "I offer the motion that the board pass the resolution naming the Great Bend High School commons area as the Jack Kilby Commons."

The district has had many discussions and met with teachers and the school committee to determine the best way to honor the Great Bend High School graduate.

"We wanted to make this a lasting reminder in a very

public place," Superintendent Clay Guthmiller said. "His accomplishments have changed the world. This area will be an academic reminder and focal point for our school and our community."

The area will include a plaque that explains his accomplishments with the integrated circuit as well as signs at every entrance of the commons, Guthmiller said.

A public ceremony is planned for Oct. 12, coinciding with a scheduled visit from Kilby.

"We will have an assembly with all of the students to honor Kilby while he is here," Guthmiller said. "Then he will give an exclusive interview to a reporter from the Panther Tales."

In other business, the board:

- Approved policy revisions that include expense reimbursement, purchasing authority, enrollment, reporting

crimes to law enforcement, student fees and charges and recruitment and hiring. The most significant changes include a background check for all prospective employees. They also had a first reading of a policy change that would add stun guns to their weapons policy.

- Purchased a car, mini-van and full sized van after opening bids. Marmie Motors Inc. had low bids on the mini-van, with \$21,277, and the full sized van, at \$20,392. Marmie Ford Inc. was the low bid on the car at \$16,699.

- Tabled a transportation reimbursement request from a student who lives out of district. The state allows students who live closer to a school outside of their district to apply for transportation reimbursement at the nearer school.