

Another day on the prairie



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Bison feed on hay during light snow flurries Feb. 24 along U.S. 75 north of Luverne. Colder temperatures are expected to return to the region later this week, though no snow is in the forecast.

District 518 investigates hacking of an employee email account

By Kari Lucin
The Globe

WORTHINGTON — A District 518 employee's email was hacked and an investigation is underway to determine whether any data was compromised.

"At this point we don't anticipate it to be a major data breach or a large issue, but we're trying to ensure we do our due diligence on checking," said Superintendent John Landgaard, following a Monday meeting of the District 518 Board of Education's Instructional Committee.

The security breach was first discovered about a week and a

half ago, and the Southwest West Central Service Co-Op is investigating, Landgaard said.

If any sensitive data was released, notifications will be sent to parents of any students involved.

As of Monday, however, preliminary indications were that the hackers seemed to have used the hacked email account to send more emails out rather than taking any data from it.

How the account was hacked remained unclear.

"It wasn't necessarily an employee error," Landgaard said. "At this point I'm waiting for more info."

It was also unclear on Mon-

day how many students' data or what type of data might have been involved. One thing that couldn't have been leaked, however, was students' social security numbers, as the school doesn't have those.

More information on the security issue could be available within the next week.

"We don't believe there's a huge data risk at this point," Landgaard said.

In other news Monday, the committee:

► Considered two employee requests, which will need to be approved by the full board at its 5:15 p.m. Tuesday meeting. One, for math teacher The-

resa Tripp, would allow her to teach at Minnesota West Community & Technical College for 10 months, and bring that experience to advanced math courses at Worthington High School. Schedule permitting, she could potentially continue to teach at WHS, she said. The committee asked for a statement of support from the math department, and Tripp said she would get it.

The second employee request was to be allowed to work remotely in order to be available for their aging parents. Landgaard said the employee was in an area where the district is already short

of employees, and one other individual is working remotely but still coming in periodically. The committee suggested working remotely could be allowed on a one-year trial basis to see how it goes.

► Approved the hiring of Josh Noble as director of instruction, which will go before the full board Tuesday.

► Learned that District 518 is still hiring for the next school, and most likely, it'll have around 35 new teachers next year.

► Received an updated enrollment figure of 3,394 students, up 35 since the beginning of the school year.

5 have filed to run in special election for Minn.'s 1st Congressional District

By Emma McNamee
The Globe

WORTHINGTON — As of March 7, five people have filed for candidacy in the special election for the late Congressman Jim Hagedorn's seat. Hagedorn, who served in Congressional District 1, died Feb. 17 after a multi-year battle with kidney cancer. The following week, Gov. Tim Walz announced a special election to be held Aug. 9, with a special primary on May 24, if necessary. The filing period opened March 1 and will continue through March 15.

Thus far, four people have filed as Republican candidates and one as a candidate for the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party.

Bob "Again" Carney Jr. was the first to file as a GOP candidate on March 1 and is no stranger to Minnesota races for public office. Over the last decade, Carney has launched multiple unsuccessful campaigns, including two for state Senate, and took a run at the governor's seat in 2010. Most recently, he participated in the Minneapolis Mayoral race, where he lives, but was again unsuccessful. While not a resident of the First Congressional District, Carney still meets the qualifications to enter the race, as a Minnesotan.

Also entering the race as a Republican candidate is Ken Navitsky of Rochester. Originally from Florida, Navitsky attended Minnesota State University in Mankato on a football scholarship, where he met his wife. According to his campaign website, Navitsky



Carney



Navitsky



Painter



Finstad



Munson

traveled as a motorsport announcer for years. He currently works as a sales executive for All Star Basements. He ran for Rochester City Council in 2006 and finished third in a four-candidate primary election.

The sole DFL candidate as of right now, Richard W. Painter, announced his intention to run for the CD1 seat via Twitter of Feb. 27 and had filed by March 4. A graduate of Harvard University and

Yale Law School, Painter served as chief ethics lawyer under President George W. Bush from 2005 to 2007, before taking a teaching position at University of Minnesota Law School. This race marks Painter's second run for Minnesota state office, after losing the DFL nomination to Sen. Tina Smith in the 2018 special election.

New Ulm resident Brad Finstad tossed his hat into the ring on March

7. Finstad, a former Minnesota representative who served three terms representing Brown, Watonwan, and Redwood counties, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. He formerly served as President Donald J. Trump's State Director for USDA Rural Development.

Also entering the race is Minnesota House

Rep. Jeremy Munson, of Crystal Lake, who is currently serving his third term. Elected four years ago, Munson split from other members of the GOP caucus to form the four-member New House Republican Caucus. During his time in the Minnesota House, he introduced a bill that would merge over half of Minnesota with South Dakota, including the area he is currently running for. Munson's announcement drew immediate fire from

DFL Party chairman Ken Martin, who criticized Munson for participating in a January 6th, 2021, "Storm the Capitol" rally, among other things.

The filing period remains open through March 15. Three months following the special election, there will be a general election, during which voters in the recently redrawn 1st Congressional District will again select a representative to serve a two-year term.

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