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## School board to discuss impact fees

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A residential construction impact fee and the search for a new superintendent top the Churchill County School District's board agenda for its Thursday's meeting.

The board could act to request Churchill County commissioners impose a fee up to \$1,600 on every new residence built in the county. The tax is allowed by state law and can be used for new school construction or to remodel or add to existing schools.

According to information provided to school trustees, subdivisions in the city will add 988 new residences within the city limits. Some of those developments are in the planning stages and some are under construction.

Within the unincorporated areas of Churchill County, there is the potential for another 4,648 dwelling units. That figure includes a potential 2,500 home development planned in Hazen.

In a related topic, the board will discuss giving authority to administrators to work with a school planning and real estate committee to study how growth in the region affects the school district and existing schools.

Trustee Preston Denney will give a report on the search for a new superintendent of schools.

A committee charged with sifting through applications for the job met last week to go over resumes of candidates who applied. The committee will narrow the list of applications down to a select few that will be considered by trustees on May 20. Interviews will be conducted on three consecutive days beginning May 23.

Also on the meeting agenda is a discussion and informational report from Human Resource Director Gregg Malkovich about the forced movement of students from one school to another next year.

The topic came up two weeks ago when a parent addressed the board, saying Navy children are most often affected because of a school policy that states the last students to enroll in the district are the first ones moved if

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it becomes necessary.

The mother told trustees the children of Navy families are affected by moving to different regions during their parents' careers, making the disruption of changing schools more difficult.

Malkovich reported that 39 students must change schools next year to meet the state-mandated class-size reduction quotients. He said 28 parents have agreed to voluntarily move their children, leaving 11 students who will be forced to transfer.

State guidelines require no more than 22 children in each kindergarten through third grade class. In fourth and fifth grades, there can be 25 pupils in each classroom.

The board meets at 7 p.m. in the district administration building, 545 E. Richards St. Meetings are open to the public.

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