

# Two finalists identified for Superintendent

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Administrators with the Clarence and Depew school districts are the two finalists for Grand Island schools superintendent.

Paul Krull, acting president of the Grand Island School Board, identified Teresa Lawrence, Clarence's director of curriculum and staff development, and Susan Frey, Depew's assistant superintendent, as the finalists. A third finalist recently withdrew from consideration for personal reasons.

Both candidates for the post vacated by Robert Christmann, who retired after six years, are to be interviewed Wednesday by stakeholders' groups, Krull said.

The board expects to make a final decision in March. The new superintendent is expected to take over on July 1 from interim superintendent Paul Hashem.

Also announced Monday is the resignation of Sandra Anzalone, Grand Island High School principal. She is leaving March 17 to be superintendent of the Eden Central School District.

Anzalone replaces Richard Schaefer, acting superintendent, who will return to his post as principal of Eden Elementary School.

In other business, Joseph Giarrizzo, assistant superintendent for finance, updated the board on budget preparations for the 2013-14 school year. The district projects a \$54.7 million budget. It will begin work next month on closing a \$1.5 million gap between revenues and expenses in creating the new fiscal plan.

Giarrizzo noted there are only three places to achieve that end: cuts to staff and/or programs and utilization of fund balances and other savings.

"We are falling behind, but we're no different than every other school district in the state," he said.

It was also announced that the board has interviewed two applicants for the vacancy on the board created by the January resignation of David Goris. "In two to three weeks we'll make a choice," said Krull.

Whoever is appointed probably would run in the May 21 school board election to fill the remaining two years of Goris' term.

The board also agreed to add propositions to the May 21 referendum to spend \$641,000 for four 64-passenger school buses and two 29-passenger buses with wheelchair lifts and \$68,000 to buy two small trucks with plows for the Buildings and Grounds Department.