

Staff, students, honored at Atchison Co schools

(KAIR)--Special recognition was given to students and staff alike during last week's meeting of the Board of Education for the Atchison County Schools of USD 377.

Among those recognized was Noelle Walters, the 2021 Atchison Rotary Teacher of the Year.

Walters, a 30-year education veteran, received the honor based on what a release from the school district calls "her Leadership, Creativity and Innovation as a teacher, and her school and community service."

Walters teaches Life and Integrated Science for the district, also serving as the Drama and Forensics coach, as well as the Student Council Sponsor for the Atchison County Community Junior Senior High School.

Some of Walters' Forensic team members Wednesday also received recognition for State Championship honors they earned, including Seth Nehl who took 9th place at state in poetry interpretation and 4th place for Prose Interpretation.

Alexis Harris earned honors at the State Festival, gaining a I rating for Poetry Interpretation and a II rating for Prose Interpretation.

State Music competitors, as well as District FFA contest winners were also recognized.

A bus driver for the district also received recognition during Wednesday's meeting, with Mike Wessel taking 1st place in the Rookie Conventional category at the state Bus Driver Competition, held May 1 in Effingham.

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