

Board to hear of Legacy Center's effort

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The Midland Public Schools Board of Education on Monday will hear a report on a new effort to help students with vision problems.

The board, which meets at 7 p.m. in the school administration center at 600 E. Carpenter St., will hear a report from the Legacy Center for Student Success. The fledgling center, whose president is former board member Richard Dolinski, will research and seek solutions to children's learning impediments that aren't school related.

Some children have problems controlling their eye muscles, and that difficulty may cause learning problems, Dolinski said. The center will work with school officials to identify 100 students who could use what Dolinski called vision therapy. Andersen Eye Associates will examine these children and, if they can't afford glasses, the Midland Lions Club will buy them.

Otherwise, Anderson Eye Associates will provide the glasses at its cost. The youngsters will take part in a 15-week program to teach them exercises aimed at strengthening their eye muscles. The center will look at children's test scores before and after the therapy and track the success of the treatment.

The board also will hear a status report on the district's sinking fund and plant repair, maintenance and equipment projects completed the summer. It will consider a recommendation to hire 15 teachers for this school year.