

June Board Report
Hidden Valley high School

Our school year ending was highlighted by the graduation of 185 seniors on June 7. We were blessed with a warm sunny night and our greater community shared the joy of graduation. Our students, band, and honor guards made for a ceremonious send off for our seniors.

As we were planning graduation we completed the initial course selection of our students as a start to the registration process for 2011-12. When our staff is complete we will finish the registration of students in August. The last day of school was an update on grades for students followed by a clean up of lockers, books and student materials. For the last half of the day we had a PBIS recognition and celebration for positive behavior and to give kids a relaxed way to end their year. Our staff did a great job of having fun and interactive events for our kids.

When you look at the final OAKS data for our school you will see that our kids have done quite well in the areas of math, science and reading. We did not do so well in the area of writing. Improving the reading and writing skills of all students will be our primary focus of instruction and learning in the next academic year.

The reduction of our faculty by 7 teachers (2 retirements, 4 transfers and one RIF) took a heavy toll on our staff morale. Our administrative work before the opening of school will be to refocus the efforts of our staff on the task of providing the best class lessons we can. We will continue the focus on PBIS and on intentional relationships with students. Work in the professional learning and develop focus will be on collaboration to improve learning of all students.

Our FFA program conducted a very successful plant sale in the weeks around Mother's Day. The plants were grown in our greenhouse as class projects in Agriculture and Ag Science classes.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to serve the students at Hidden Valley.

Sincerely,

Dennis Misner