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when school districts are trying to find ways to cut costs without affecting the classroom, sharing administrators is one method being examined. To that end, two local districts are beginning talks on sharing the cost of a superintendent.

At its meeting this week, the North Huron school board formed a three-person committee to talk to representatives from the Port Hope Community School Board of Education about having a dual superintendency. The three North Huron board members are Terry Kelly, Ticia Iseler and Dan Thuemmel. Meetings between the two schools will begin soon.

North Huron Superintendent Maryann Thompson will be retiring at the end of 2007-08, and she will be working part time next year. Port Hope Community School has an interim superintendent, Bob Colby, who also is the Huron Intermediate School District superintendent. Port Hope also has an administrative assistant, Larry Johnson, a retired Port Hope teacher. Johnson has previously indicated he may be interested in being a superintendent for the district.

North Huron and Port Hope previously had discussed sharing the services of former Port Hope Superintendent Scott Belt a couple of

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years ago. However, North Huron decided to go a different route and hired Thompson as superintendent. Belt has since moved to another district in Michigan.

North Huron's student enrollment is about 500 students. Port Hope's enrollment is just under 100. Both schools have faced sharp declines in enrollment and project to lose more students in upcoming years.

In other business, the North Huron board approved a 3/5th contract with technology Director Susan Herford for the 2007-08 school year, per Herford's request. She will work three out of five days next school year.

The board hired the following 2007-08 coaches: Travis Fischer for varsity football; Brian Toner for assistant varsity football; Steve McIntosh for junior high football; Veronica Peterson for varsity volleyball; Mary Jo Risch for junior varsity volleyball; Jamie Sera for junior high volleyball; Mark Krug for boys varsity basketball; Paul Empkie for boys junior varsity basketball; and Chad Knoblock for boys seventh grade basketball.

Thompson reported to the board that the boring under M-53 for the water line to the school has been completed, and pressure tests soon will be completed. She said the water won't be turned on until June 11, after school is out.

Secondary school Principal Betsy Loegel announced that Robert Phillips is the 2007 valedictorian and Kayla Horetski is the salutatorian.

Loegel also said art teacher Deb Lerash has received a scholarship to attend the Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art at the Chicago Art Institute. There, she and other teachers will meet with artists and will receive a one-week training. Loegel, who's also the athletic director, said she is going to request to the North Central Thumb League a contingency on behalf of North Huron, requesting that boys basketball games be on Tuesdays and Fridays and that girls basketball games be on Mondays and Thursdays.

She also told the board the school had a practice lock-down recently and a Huron County Sheriff's Office representative, along with a drug-sniffing dog, checked out the high school. No drugs were found. At the time of the search, no drugs were suspected — it was part of the lock-down practice.

Thompson told the board elementary teachers went to Sanilac County to present information to teachers about the Positive Behavior Support program that North Huron has been doing for a number of years. Thompson said she received a lot of positive feedback about the presentation.

Thompson also told the board the first meeting with the teachers' union to negotiate the next contract will be May 9. The contract will end June 30. The board heard a report on kindergarten round up. Twenty-eight students have been signed up for 2007-08 kindergarten, which is about what the school had expected.

Thompson told the board about a call she received from University of Detroit Mercy. She said a man named Edward Murphy left some

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