Trustees consider firms to screen candidates

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The Marshall school board came a step closer to hiring a consulting firm to screen applicants for the superintendent’s position following their regular board meeting Monday night.

Board members narrowed down the list of consulting firms to three: Representatives from the Texas Association of School Boards, UNT Field Services and Bob Thompson & Associates.

Superintendent Dr. Brian Nichols’ last day with the district will be July 1.

Board president Ned Dennis has said trustees will try to hire a replacement by April or May, before the end of Nichols’ term.

In other business, the board, with members Brad Collier and Walter Floyd absent due to illness, voted unanimously to sign an election services contract with Pam Ellis, Harrison County Elections administrator, to hold the school board election on May 4.

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Five board members are up for election this term. They are Barbara Alexander, Brad Collier, Walter Floyd, Libby Matthews and Mrs. Charles Wilson.

The first day to file is Feb. 18, with a filing period of 30 days. Candidates may file at the office of Wendell Jones, assistant superintendent for support services, in the MISD Administration building.

The board also voted to apply for a $100,000 grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund, which will be used for the purchase of computers for classrooms and teacher technology training.

A budget amendment was also approved. The amendment includes the acceptance of a $3,160 donation from the Made-Rite Company for a basketball scoreboard at Marshall Junior High School; a transfer of funds at South Marshall Elementary School from the general fund to campus staff activities; and setting up the Optional Extended Year grant for $169,636 and the Accelerated Reading grant for grades kindergarten through second in the amount of $90,000.