Chain parents ask school board to add third, fourth grades

Students would not transfer to WLC

BY ROBERT CLAUD

WAUPACA – A group of parents asked the Waupaca School Board to reconfigure the classes at Chain Elementary School to become a 4K through fourth-grade facility.

Currently, Chain students transfer to Waupaca Learning Center after second grade.

Nikki Vergauwen addressed the school board at its Feb. 9 meeting. She presented a petition signed by more than 90 people and was accompanied by about two dozen parents who support adding two more grades to the school.

"Let the second-grade students stay there for third grade and then fourth grade, and then go on to middle school," Vergauwen said. "All students expect to attend elementary, then middle, then high school. Having an additional move in the middle of elementary years is not good practice, according to research."

The parents’ group presented data to the board showing Chain students consistently score higher than WLC students on the same exams they take in third grade. They attribute the higher scores in large part to less overcrowding at WLC.

Vergauwen noted there are eight empty classrooms at the Chain while there is only one floor in WLC.

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scape. The event kicks off on Feb. 21 at noon with “Ride with the Vex,” which of-

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