DELPHOS — With just three days left to accept applications for the superintendent's position at Delphos City Schools, board of education members set an executive session meeting for 7 p.m. Feb. 21 to review applications received. Board President Perry Wiltsie announced at Monday's meeting there were nine applications to review so far. The board is to begin the interview process on March 5.

Interim Superintendent Frank Sukup will step down at the end of the current school year.

Sukup announced more than $25,000 worth of safety upgrades to district buildings have completed or are scheduled for completion this spring. Following the tragic school shooting in Newtown, Conn., the district visited some areas of concern. A new buzz-in entryway has been installed at Landeck Elementary and Jefferson High School and Middle School will each have the same type entryway installed by spring. Additional security cameras will also be installed at those buildings and Franklin Elementary as well.

Board members also approved district wide bed bug policy Monday. If a student is suspected of having bed bug bites or if a bed bug is found on a student, the student will be discreetly removed from the classroom so the nurse can perform an inspection of the child's clothing and other belongings. If a specimen is found on a student or their belongings, the bed bug will be removed and parents will be notified.

Each child suspected of a current bed bug infestation in the home will place belongings in a sealed storage container until infestation is confirmed or proven false. The student may return their belongings to the classroom after the school has received documentation stating the home has been treated appropriately, the child does not have visible signs of bed bug bites and/or bed bugs and the school principal and/or nurse feel school personnel and students are not at risk.

Procedures have also been put in place for pest management in the school buildings.

“By law we can’t keep the student out of school,” Sukup said. “What we can do is try to minimize the exposure and keep them out of our classrooms and buses.”

The board also approved a supplemental contract to Jon Kroeger as junior varsity baseball coach for the 2013 season.__PUBLIC__