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Superintendent Tobin Buchanan will be leaving his post at Perkins County Schools around the beginning of July to start a position he has accepted with First National Capital Markets of Nebraska in North Platte.



Buchanan has served as superintendent of schools since the fall of 2007 when he and his family moved to Grant from Arlington where he had been an elementary principal.

His new position will deal in public finance with non-profits such as schools, cities, counties or health care facilities in helping them finance projects such as school bonds or hospital expansions.

Buchanan faced a tough decision in leaving the school district he has been so dedicated to for the past several years.

The offer for employment with the finance firm presented itself due to his relationships built over the years with people in positions that assist schools with financing.

He said the company he is joining was seeking someone living in the western end of the state who already has established relationships with superintendents from other districts; this would be beneficial in helping the company expand their business to the greater Nebraska area.

“This is an opportunity for advancement that presented itself that allows us to remain in a school district we love and in a community we love,” said Buchanan.

He and wife, Michelle, and their three young sons, Will, who is nine, Beau at age seven, and Ben, who is six, will continue to live in Grant. His new position with an office based in North Platte will involve some day travel to areas of the state.

The Perkins County Board of Education is exploring the possibility for short and/or longterm leadership to fill Buchanan’s position. He believes the board won’t have any difficulty filling the open position because of Perkins County’s reputation and student performance record.

“This community has a great reputation, and I have a fantastic board,” said Buchanan.

Michelle Buchanan will continue in her position as half-time math instructor at the high school, however, will not continue as head coach of junior high volleyball.