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Perkins County Schools has a long, long tradition of excellence in academics and athletics.

This outstanding tradition has meant many years of plaques, trophies and awards given to the district. With an accumulation of so many honors, room is scarce at the high school to display all of the hardware.

Many of the trophies are being kept under the stage in the high school gymnasium.

The trophies currently not on display were declared surplus and given to the PCS Alumni Association at the November school board meeting.

All championship trophies for conference, district and state championships will be kept by the district.

Joe Borowski of the alumni association explained that plans are in the early stages of what to do with the trophies. Stacy Clark, president of the alumni association, noted that one possible plan is to sell the awards at the annual alumni banquet, held Father's Day weekend

Larry Pritchett, former athletic director at PCS, explained to the board that he felt selling the trophies was a bad idea.

"I have seen them (trophies) auctioned off at other districts and it has created hard feelings," Pritchett said, adding that he'd hate to see some not properly taken care of by the new owners.

He explained there was once a tennis team in Grant in the 1920s and some of those trophies still exist.

William Hakonson, PCS superintendent, said the district isn't making a decision on how the alumni should handle the trophies.

"We're not advocating the selling of the trophies, we're just giving them to the alumni," Hakonson said.

School board president Shawn Turner agreed with Pritchett on selling the trophies.

School board member Jayson Bishop felt the trophies could do more good in the hands of

people who wanted them as they are not being seen by anyone at this point.

“They aren’t doing anyone any good under a stage in storage,” Bishop.

After consideration Turner agreed that the overall benefit could be for children.

“If the money raised goes toward scholarships, then I don’t see a better plan,” Turner said.

Borowski said despite the plans being in the infant stages of what to do with the trophies, the end result would be scholarship money for students.

Over the weekend alumni association members sorted nearly 500 trophies.

Borowski and Tim Colglazier are on the alumni committee handling the trophy project and welcomed input from alumni.