Auburn School Board Takes Action on Personnel

(KLZA)--- Personnel changes for the 2017-18 school year dominated the Auburn Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Board members accepted six resignations and voted to approve contracts for three new teachers.

The resignations accepted were those of High School / Middle School Principal Vernon Golladay and his wife, Middle School Counselor Gretchen Golladay. Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Scott Anderson and his wife Tiffany Anderson who teaches Kindergarten. Also resigning are Music Teacher Ben Hanika who accepted a technology position with Educational Service Unit #4 in Auburn and Pre-School teacher Tia Miller who accepted a similar position at Johnson-Brock.

The Board approved hiring April Binder to teach Spanish, Breann Wills to teach Kindergarten and Casie Allen to teach Pre-School.

Superintendent Kevin Reiman said due to cuts in state aid, only essential personnel are being hired. Spanish is now a requirement to get into some colleges. 60-70 kindergarten students are expected for the 2017-18 school year and the goal is to have class sizes under 20. In addition, expectations are for a large number of pre-school students to be enrolled next fall.

The Superintendent says to continue to receive grant funding for the pre-school program you need to have fewer than 20 students in each class.

While there was no action take on hiring a Middle School / High School Principal Monday, Reiman is optimistic the position will be filled in short order.

The Auburn School District anticipates losing more than \$280-thousand dollars in state aid this year. That is on top of the more than \$480,000 in state aid lost last year.

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