

Student transportation discussed

**(KMZA)--The Nemaha Central Board of Education discussed the transportation of out-of-district students who attend the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Seneca when they meet this week.**

**Superintendent Darrel Kohlman said he was told by the State Department of Education that the district does not have the the authority to transport out-of-district students who attend a parochial school.**

**Kohlman said he also checked with the Kansas Association of School Board's legal department who said there is no law against it and the Board has established "home rule" and may decide to provide the service.**

**The main concerns raised by the Board were potential crowding on the bus and the 15 to 20 minutes earlier pick up time for the students who currently ride the bus. The first riders are picked up now between 6:45 and 6:50.**

**The Board asked Kohlman to obtain additional information—including how many extra miles and time transporting these students would require; if the SPPS administration desires it to be short or long-term solution; and breakdown of the students currently riding on the Bern bus route as to which school they attend and if they have older siblings.**

**The Board will take the information into consideration when making a decision.**

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