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USD 415 Board accepts bid for new track

**(KNZA)--Following several months of discussion, the Hiawatha Board of Education during a special meeting Friday afternoon accepted a bid for the replacement of the high school track.**

**The Board voted unanimously to accept a base bid of \$906,260 from Beynon Sports Company for the project.**

**The new track will include a concrete base and polyurethane surface.**

**It will come with a ten-year warranty. In addition, it will include one free re-stripe and one free replacement in high traffic areas.**

**Beynon plans to start the project in late to mid-June.**

**Funding for the new track will come from the district's capital outlay fund.**

**Home track meets were cancelled this spring because of the poor condition of the current track.**

**In other business, the Board approved the purchase of twenty-five new laptop computers for teachers at a cost of \$22,441. It will include twenty-three laptops for middle school teachers and two for new elementary school teachers.**

**Following an execution session, the Board approved the hiring of two new teachers for next school year.**

**They include Bethany Porting as a 4th grade teacher and Ellen Blackwell as high school Vo-Ag teacher.**

**Superintendent Lonnie Moser says it will be the first teaching jobs for both.**

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