

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.