HTRS Board discusses opt out students

(KLZA)--The HTRS School Board discussed with Superintendent Sherri Edmundson during the June 11th Board meeting some concerns about students opting to attend school in other districts.

The HTRS School district encompasses a large area that through the years has grown to stretch from the Missouri River west into Pawnee County.

Last year 22 students living in the HTRS District opted to attend classes in neighboring districts. Edmundson said 7 or 8 were students of parents who moved into the HTRS District but continued to attend school in their previous schools including Auburn and Falls City. So while they counted as "Opt Out" students, they really never attended the HTRS School.

The Superintendent also said some left due to discipline. During the conversation ways the situation could have been handled differently and if the situations could have been handled differently were discussed. It was pointed out that sometimes a student leaving your district due to a discipline issue is not a bad thing.

In other business the Board approved increasing pay for substitute teachers by \$5 to \$125 per day. The long-term substitute pay was increased from \$125 per day to \$175 per day. The long-term pay begins if the sub works for the same teacher longer than two consecutive weeks.

Student fees were increased by \$5 for the next school year with the maximum expense for a family increasing from \$40 to \$50.

Admission prices for events at the HTRS School were not changed.

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