

USD 415 Board approves 2018-19 teacher contract

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Board of Education has ratified a negotiated agreement with teachers for the 2018-19 school year.**

**That came following a 5-minute executive session at the end of Monday evening's meeting.**

**Superintendent Lonnie Moser said the agreement calls for a \$1,750 increase in the base salary for teachers to \$37,310.**

**The agreement is retroactive to the beginning of the school year.**

**Jonathan Nibarger with the Lawrence accounting firm Mize Houser and Company joined the meeting by phone to go over the 2017-18 audit report.**

**Nibarger said the district received “an unmodified opinion”, which is the best opinion it can receive, and speaks to the sound management of the district.**

**The Board voted to accept the audit report as presented.**

**The Board also accepted, with regrets, the retirement resignations of 1st grade teacher Virginia Merkel effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year and Dennis Mears as bus mechanic effective July 31, 2019.**

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