

School safety system install planned

**(KAIR)--Planning for the installation of what leaders of the Atchison Public Schools approved as a new system of safety and security is moving forward.**

**During a meeting of December 10, the Board of Education for USD 409 gave approval for the purchase of the Telecenter U Critical Communications system.**

**The total cost is \$107,000, with \$42,000 of the pricetag to be covered through funds required to be spent on school safety.**

**\$21,000 was granted to the school district by the state, with the district required to match the funds.**

**Superintendent Dr. Susan Myers tells MSC News the remaining \$65,000 will be funded through the district's summer budget for capital outlay expenditures.**

**Myers will meet with representatives of the system's vendor, All Systems, on January 2, to begin plans for installation.**

**She said the goal is to see it in place prior to her retirement, which becomes effective at the end of the current school year.**

**The purchase of the system was met with opposition from one School Board member when the issue was decided December 10.**

**Rick Zumbrunn voted against the purchase, citing the cost, and saying that he didn't feel the system provided enough in the way of safety, calling it a scheduling device, not a security system.**

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