

New Hiawatha Elementary School principal hired
(KNZA)--A new Hiawatha Elementary School principal has been hired.

Following an executive session Monday evening, USD 415 Superintendent Lonnie Moser said the Board of Education voted to offer one-year contract to Paul Carver, of McPherson, for the 2019-2020 school year.

Carver currently serves as a 5th grade teacher at McPherson.

He will replace Tom Schmitz who is retiring at the end of the current school year.

Carver was among four finalists interviewed last month.

He and his wife were present at Monday's Board meeting and were introduced by Board President Ian Schuetz.

Moser said Carver is to start work the last week of July.

Also after the executive session, the Board approved the hiring of Jeremy Enns as district computer technician. Enns come to Hiawatha from Texas. He replaces Ryan Bauer who resigned effective February 5 to take a job with Rainbow Communications.

In addition, the Board approved the hiring of David Winter as a bus mechanic.

In other action, the Board approved the adoption of a new K-12 math curriculum at a cost of nearly \$110,000.

The Board also accepted a bid from the Manhattan CPA firm, Varney and Associates, to conduct the financial audit for the year ending June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$7,260. That's \$1,700 less than the district paid last year.