

Hiawatha kindergarteners getting new iPads

(KNZA)--Hiawatha kindergarten students will be getting new iPads.

The USD 415 Board of Education Monday evening approved seeking bids for 80 iPads and also voted to grant Superintendent Lonnie Moser permission to accept the low bid before the next school board meeting.

The iPads will replace the current LearnPad tablets, which are no longer working properly.

CPA Eric Keintz with Varney and Associates presented the financial audit for the 2018-19 fiscal year. The district received an unqualified opinion, which means the financial statements are presented fairly and no areas of concern were found. There were some recommendations regarding dual control and cross-training of staff in the business office. The Board voted to accept the financial audit as presented.

District Maintenance Supervisor Matt Cluck discussed the findings of the recent fire marshal's inspection of the district's schools. Items noted included emergency exit lighting and replacement of some sprinkler heads above the high school stage.

Cluck said the woodshop boiler delivery has been pushed back two weeks by the supplier, but he hopes to have the boiler installed during winter break. The new middle school bleachers will also be installed over winter break. Cluck also said the new wheelchair lift at the elementary school has been installed.

The board approved the addition of interior design I and II classes at the high school for the 2020-21 school year.

The Board accepted the retirement resignation of kindergarten teacher Brenda Schuetz, effective at the end of the current school year. She has taught in the district for 30 years. Also accepted was the resignations of driver's ed in-car instructor Melvin Baker and Michael Downard as Hiawatha Middle School baseball assistant coach.

The Board approved the hiring of Andy Runer as Hiawatha Middle School boys basketball practice coach.

And High School Principal Lori Fordyce and middle school librarian Nicki Mathewson each received a Board of Education Recognition Award. Both were nominated for the award.

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