

USD 115 sets hearing on nonresident student policy

**(KMZA)--The Nemaha Central USD 115 Board of Education has set a public hearing for their December 11th meeting on a proposed new open enrollment policy for non-resident students.**

**Superintendent Tavis Desormeiers reviewed the proposed policy during last week's board meeting.**

**Its the result of legislation passed and signed by Governor Kelly last year.**

**The law, which will take effect with the 2024-25 school year, will allow students to transfer to any school in Kansas as long as the school has space.**

**School districts are required to establish a formal policy on how they will handle the new directive by January 1st, 2024.**

**Like all districts, USD 115, will be required by May 1st of each year to determine the capacity of the district to accept non-resident students. The district also must determine the number of students expected to attend and the number of open seats available for non-resident students.**

**Non-resident students would be required to apply for enrollment in June of each year.**

**In other business, Desormiers discussed with the board how the current shortage of bus drivers and the large number of kids transported daily who live less than 2.5 miles from school is causing some kids to be on the bus for more than an hour. Bus drivers are being sought but changes will need to be made if more full-time bus drivers are not hired. He also discussed replacing aging vehicles in the fleet with newer ones. The more immediate need is for a full-size handicap bus, a route bus and an Expedition**

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