

School districts make progress in land transfer process

(MSC News)--Several area school districts have made mediation progress in a dispute over school district boundaries.

That word came Tuesday in a joint release issued by Prairie Hills USD 113, Nemaha Central USD 115, Jackson Heights USD 335 and Vermillion USD 380.

Representatives from USD 113 met with representatives of USD 115, USD 335 and USD 380 on December 5 and 6 in Topeka. A mediator appointed by the Kansas State Board of Education facilitated the confidential discussions with the intent of establishing agreements regarding future school district boundaries.

The release says USD 113 and USD 380 reached an agreement in principle to transfer a portion of land from USD 113 to USD 380. The USD 113 and USD 380 boards of education unanimously approved the agreement at their regularly scheduled board meetings Monday evening.

Also on Monday evening, the USD 113 and USD 335 boards of education unanimously approved a transfer of land south of 80th Road in Nemaha County and 140th Road in Brown County from USD 113 to USD 335 (not including land subject to the agreement with USD 380).

USD 335 and USD 380 will begin the process of drafting legal descriptions for the proposed land transfers. Both proposed land transfer agreements are subject to the approval of the Kansas State Board of Education.

The release says deliberations between USD 113 and USD 115 are ongoing but are not resolved at this time.

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