

USD 415 board approves bids for new HS stadium lights
(KNZA)--New LED lights will be installed at the Hiawatha High School football stadium.

Archie Smith, construction manager for the stadium lighting project, met with the Hiawatha School Board Monday evening to review proposals received for the project

Following discussion, the board voted to accept a bid from Musco Lighting in the amount of \$128,000 for the lighting materials, and in a separate motion approved a bid from Brandy Electric in the amount of \$46,000 for the labor.

In addition, the board approved a contingency of up to \$10,000 to install lighting for the visitors bleachers as well.

Plans are to re-use the current poles.

The labor and materials will carry a 10-year warranty.

The project is be completed this summer.

In other business, the board approved renewal of a contract with the district's food service vendor, OPAA. The contract contains a 4 1/2 percent cost increase.

Following an executive session, the board accepted the resignations of Gary Smith as high school head boys basketball coach, Denny Gray as a custodian and Jan Siebenmorgen as a cook, effective at the end of the current school year. The board thanked Siebenmorgen for her 30 years of service to the district.

The board also approved several hires for next school year--including Cody Jiru, Nick Haedt, Dalton Witt, and Chris Diller for high school assistant football positions; Emi Deters as 3rd grade teacher; Josie Crofford as kindergarten teacher; Caitlin Shafer as elementary school counselor; Wyatt Jiru as high school P.E. teacher; and Nicole Jewett as a secondary teacher at the high school.