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#### Contract Ratified with Hiawatha Teachers

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Board of Education has ratified a negotiated agreement with the Hiawatha Teachers Association for the 2013-2014 school year.

The action followed a closed-door session Monday evening.

Under the contract, Superintendent Penny Hargrove says teachers will receive an average salary increase of about 1.72 percent. Administrators and classified staff had received a similar increase. Hargrove said they were not able to give teachers a larger increase due to a tight budget.

Teachers have approved the contract. Since the start of the new school year, teachers had been working under the 2012-2013 contract.

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