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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 2012-2013 school year.

The board took the action following a short closed door session Monday evening.

The Teachers Association previously ratified the agreement.

Under the agreement, the base salary for a beginning teacher will increase \$500 to \$32,760. Plus teachers will receive movement on the salary schedule based on their experience.

An impasse had been declared in contract negotiations in June of last year. A federal mediator met with the two sides in July, however no agreement was reached.

Teachers had been working under the 2011-2012 contract.

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