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Mound City School Board Hears Upgrade Proposal

(KLZA) -- Mound City School Board members Chad Derr, Jeff Holstine and Brian Tubbs who were re-elected earlier this month were sworn in for another term at the start of the April Board meeting this week. The officers for the next year will remain the same with Alan Yocum as President, Holstine as Vice President and Robert Gibson as Treasurer.

The Board did approve the salary proposal of a 2.75 percent increase for the 2014-15 school year for all personnel. That will make the base salary for a first year teacher in the Mound City District \$30,500.

The Superintendent has been working with several companies to look at the future needs of the school building in Mound City, parts of which are 100 years old. Projects to be considered are air conditioning, safety/security doors, an elevator, science room upgrades to the 1963 equipment still in use, a multi-purpose room with a stage and storage space and new public restrooms.

The total package of upgrade comes with a price tag estimated at \$2.7 million. The Board will discuss ways to pay for the improvements at a future meeting.

The Board did approve expenditures ranging from \$879 for a single interior door up to \$1,600 for a set of double doors to replace about seven interior doors in the building. The track resurfacing project was awarded to Midwest Tennis and Track of Dennison, Iowa. They submitted the low bid of \$38,950. This is the same company that originally built the track eight years ago.

A letter of resignation was accepted from High School Social Studies Teacher Jason Lentz who has accepted a job in St. Joseph where he resides.

Following a closed door session to discuss personnel, Board members approved extra-curricular duty positions for the 2014-15 school year. Derek Petty will serve as Boys Golf coach and Stephanie Burge who teacher as Craig will be the Assistant Volleyball Coach as the two Holt County school districts begin a sports co-op next year.

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