Royal Valley Superintendent to Retire

(KNZA)--Royal Valley Superintendent John Rundle will retire at the end of the current school year.

The USD 337 Board of Education this week accepted his resignation, effective July 31st.

Rundle spent his entire educational career at Royal Valley, beginning in Mayetta in the fall of 1976 as a junior high English teacher. His first year of teaching is most memorably marked by the fire that broke out in the school that spring. Rundle taught there for five years before becoming the grade school principal in Hoyt. After eight years as the building pricipal, he went on to become the assistant superintendent and curriculum director under Superintendent Fred Staker. He replaced Marceta Reilly as district superintendent, a position he has held for the past 15 years.

"My decision to retire is about timing, and while there might never seem to be the perfect time, this just seemed to be the right time both for our family and for the school district," Rundle said. "The Royal Valley district is made up of some great support staff, excellent educators and a very supportive board of education. The next superintendent will be blessed to have the opportunity to work with these outstanding people moving forward."

The Board of Education this week voted to enter into an agreement with the Kansas Association of School Boards to help conduct the search for a new superintendent.

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