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New Leadership For Atchison Co Schools (KAIR)--The leadership for the Atchison County Community Schools has reorganized for the new school year.

That happened when the USD 377 Board of Education met for their regular meeting Monday evening in Effingham.

Selected by the Board to serve as President for the 2017-2018 school year is School Board member Nancy Keith.

Chosen to hold the role of Vice-President is Jeff Martin, who had served as President for the 2016-2017 school year.

He replaces former Vice-President, Tana Hoffman.

Following the selection of officers, the Board moved forward with other business, including a proposed increase of the local option budget from 30-percent to 33-percent. Past discussion led the Board to that consideration, with the additional 3-percent projected to generate an additional \$160,000. However, the Board previously agreed not to levy the full 33-percent every year, but to approve the increase in order to have the additional funds on hand, if needed.

The increase was brought to a vote, and was approved by the School Board.

The Board also took another step toward finalizing the budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

That process will include a budget hearing, which the Board approved to take place at 6:15 on the evening of Monday, August 21.

Also approved during the meeting was an expenditure of \$17,500 for the replacement of door knobs at the junior/senior high school.

The expenditure is made necessary by the requirement to change to lever-style knobs.

L&L Construction submitted the bid for the work, and the Board voted to accept it in order to make the change.

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