

New Hiawatha Middle School principal hired

(KNZA)--A new Hiawatha Middle School principal has been hired and she's a familiar face.

Following an executive session Monday evening, the USD 415 Board of Education voted to hire current middle school counselor Kiley Gatz for the position.

Gatz was offered a one-year contract for the 2018-19 school year.

She was among four candidates interviewed last week.

Gatz will replace David Coufal who is retiring at the end of the current school year.

In other business, the Board accepted the resignations of 5th-12th grade band instructor David Kerwood and high school counselor Stacy Mayer effective at the end of the current school year.

The Board voted to move Jennifer Dunn, who currently serves as an English teacher at the high school, to the counselor position.

Kylee Reschke, who currently serves as a substitute teacher at the high school, will replace Dunn.

The Board also approved hiring Chris Vitt as a full-time science teacher at the high school. He is currently teaching half-time and previously taught science at the high school before retiring.

In other business, the Board approved the 2018-19 school calendar. The first day of classes will be August 16th and the last day will be May 22nd. Spring break will be held March 11th-15th, the same as state colleges.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Board approved having District Maintenance Coordinator Matt Cluck seek bids for options for the repair or replacement of the high school track.