

Change proposed for prom policy at Atchison Co schools

(KAIR)--Student signatures are submitted to the USD 377 Board of Education in opposition to possible changes regarding prom attendance at the Atchison County Community High School.

The issue was addressed when the Board of Education met March 13, following a request that was made by some students to allow underclassmen to attend prom as a guest or as the date of a Junior or Senior,

According to information included with the agenda for the meeting, only Juniors and Seniors have historically been allowed to attend the prom, although there is no set district policy stating that freshmen and sophomores are prohibited.

Two students, Junior Daisey Norris and Sophomore Victoria Caplinger, voiced opposition to the proposed change.

Norris submitted to the board a list of 44 signatures from upperclassmen opposed to the change, while Caplinger presented a list of 17 underclassmen who also disapprove.

Superintendent Dr. Andrew Gaddis tells MSC News no immediate decision is made.

Instead, the Student Council will work on developing a policy to propose to the Board of Education in the future.

The policy would not take effect until the 2018-2019 school year.

The School Board during the March 13 meeting also approved a resolution pertaining to the Board's intent to non-renew the contract of a certified teacher.

That followed an executive session focused on the move.

Gaddis identifies the teacher as Brandee Falk.

According to the USD 377 website, Falk is a kindergarten teacher who began working in the position in 2015.