

USD 415 Board hears track proposals

(KNZA)--After several months of discussion, the Hiawatha Board of Education is a step closer to making a decision on the replacement of the high school track.

The Board heard presentations Monday evening from representatives of two companies--- Kansas City-based McConnell and Associates and Denver-based Renner Sports Surfaces.

McConnell produces asphalt tracks with curbs, and comes with several surfacing options.

Renner utilizes post-tension concrete, with no curbs, and also comes with several surfacing options.

After hearing the presentations, Board members voiced preference for going with a concrete base.

The Board tabled a decision until a special meeting, which they are expected to set following a work session on April 30th.

Home track meets have been cancelled this spring due to the poor condition of the current track.

Following an executive session, the Board approved the hiring of Shelby Smith as the new elementary school counselor. The Board also approved the hiring of three new elementary school teachers---Naomi Forsyth as a second grade teacher, Scotti Twombly as a second grade teacher and Inessa Hood as a fourth grade teacher.

The Board accepted the resignations Elementary School counselor Heather Cline, Middle School art teacher Cindy Bicker, High School Ag science teacher KaCee Thompson and High School social studies teacher and head football coach Ted Brown, effective at the end of the current school year. As part of the consent agenda earlier in the meeting, the Board also accepted the resignation of Andrew Eckert as head boys basketball coach.