

Poll to determine Atchison Co graduation date

(KAIR)--The families of graduating seniors at the Atchison County High School will decide the date of graduation for the 2018-2019 school year.

That approach was approved Tuesday evening during the regular meeting of the Board of Education for USD 377.

According to Superintendent Dr. Andrew Gaddis, graduation had been planned for the afternoon of May 18 at 4:00, a week later than in previous years, due, in part, to make certain that seniors had met the required amount of attendance days for graduation.

However, other local area high schools, including Atchison's USD 409, Maur Hill-Mount Academy, and Jefferson County North, all graduate on May 18, along with several area colleges.

That causes a conflict due to Atchison County students having family and friends graduating that same day.

To avoid the conflict, the possibility of moving the date was brought before the Board of Education, which Gaddis said collectively felt the determination should be made by the families of the ACCHS graduates.

The School Board Tuesday approved polling those families to approve a date, with a 2/3 majority of those polled needed for approval.

They will be asked to select a date between May 11 to May 18, with the 4:00 start time to remain the same.

Gaddis said the polling will be conducted “relatively soon,” but the timeline is not yet fully determined.

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