

Plans revised for USD 115 classroom addition

(KMZA)--Plans have been revised for a new addition connecting two Nemaha Central schools.

USD 115 Superintendent Darrel Kohlman updated the Board of Education last week on the project that would tie together the elementary/middle school and high school.

After meeting with the custodial staff, administrative staff and architects, Kohlman said its believed the best use of space would be to add four classrooms with a hallway through the center instead of three classrooms with a hallway along one side.

Its hoped that blueprints will be ready for viewing at next month's Board meeting.

Eric Stallbaumer with AHRS Construction, of Bern, was present to explain the differences between a design, bid and build process and a construction manager at-risk process.

The construction manager at-risk process was used when the elementary building was built in 2008.

In other action, John Deters was welcomed as a new board member. Deters will serve in position 6 which was formerly held by Jean Placke. Kohlman said no one has applied so far for the vacant position formerly held by Joe Reitz. Reitz was elected in November to replace Ilene Enneking. Kohlman said the Board can operate with six members, but is hopeful someone will come forward.

High school senior Max Holthaus updated the Board on the mobile app he is working on for the district. Holthaus said the app will be available to the public soon. The app will include a twitter feed, calendar of events and notifications of sporting events along with other announcements.

Holthaus also informed the Board that he and another individual have considered the possibility of re-designing the district website.