

USD 415 Board approves 2018-19 teacher contract

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Board of Education has ratified a negotiated agreement with teachers for the 2018-19 school year.

That came following a 5-minute executive session at the end of Monday evening's meeting.

Superintendent Lonnie Moser said the agreement calls for a \$1,750 increase in the base salary for teachers to \$37,310.

The agreement is retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

Jonathan Nibarger with the Lawrence accounting firm Mize Houser and Company joined the meeting by phone to go over the 2017-18 audit report.

Nibarger said the district received “an unmodified opinion”, which is the best opinion it can receive, and speaks to the sound management of the district.

The Board voted to accept the audit report as presented.

The Board also accepted, with regrets, the retirement resignations of 1st grade teacher Virginia Merkel effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year and Dennis Mears as bus mechanic effective July 31, 2019.

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