

Johnson-Brock Board approves additional class rooms

(KLZA)-- The Johnson-Brock School Board voted to approve a contract with AHR Construction of Bern, Kansas to construct a \$2,337,000 addition which will include four new classrooms when they met July 10.

Board member Blayne Behrends abstained from the vote, with all the other board members casting yes votes.

Behrends proposed the \$3.3 million proposal that included moving the music department to the existing weight room and building a new weight room connected to the gymnasium be put to a public vote.

The new addition will be connected to the elementary wing of the school and will allow the pre-school to move away from the high school / middle school part of the building.

A \$3.3 million project has been proposed but following strong public reaction against the proposal, the smaller addition was approved.

The interest rate on the project will be 4.3 percent and come to \$389,500 over seven years, which will increase the property tax levy for district patrons by 2.3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Superintendent Jeff Koehler reported the number of students at Johnson-Brock this coming school year will include 9 more students than last year for an expected total of 367.

Many Signals Communications