

USD 115 board approves bus service cutback

(KMZA)--Nemaha Central USD 115 will no longer provide transportation services to students who live less than 2 ½ miles from school, beginning January 1st, 2024.

The USD 115 board of education approved the change when they met last week on a 5-1 vote. Board member Jason Kramer cast the dissenting vote. Board member Jason Hammes was absent.

The board was told the change is needed to address a shortage of bus drivers that is causing some kids to be on the bus for more than an hour.

In other business, the board adopted a new open enrollment policy for non-resident students following a hearing drawing no public comment.

The policy is the result of legislation passed and signed by Governor Kelly last year.

The law, which will take effect with the 2024-25 school year, will allow students to transfer to any school in Kansas as long as the school has space.

Superintendent Tavis Desormiers recognized two outgoing board members. He presented plaques to Owen Zinke in appreciation of his 14 years on the board and Jason Hammes for his 12 years on the board.

As part of the consent agenda, the board accepted the resignation of board member Amy Huerter at the end of her term due to her moving out of the district and resignation of 1st grade teacher Hannah Cole.

The board also approved the extension of administrative contracts for an additional year, through June 2026.

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