

State Board approves land transfer agreements

(KMZA)---The Kansas State Board of Education has given final approval to land transfer agreements between Prairie Hills USD 113 and two neighboring school districts.

Prairie Hills Superintendent Todd Evans said the State Board approved the agreements with Jackson Heights USD 335 and Vermillion USD 380 when they met Wednesday. They will take effect July 1st, 2024.

The Boards of Education for USD 113, USD 335 and USD 380 approved the land transfer agreements in December.

That came after the USD 113 Board voted in February 2023 to close the Wetmore Attendance Center. Following the closure, a large number of students at the Wetmore school chose to attend USD 335 and USD 380 instead of Sabetha schools.

Meanwhile, the Nemaha Central USD 115 Board of Education voted in February of this year to file a petition with the State Board of Education seeking the transfer land in the former Bern school area from USD 113 to USD 115.

A public hearing was held on the petition in March, which was presided over by Scott Gordon---General Counsel for the State Board.

Gordon will present the petition, along with his recommendation, to the State Board for consideration at their June meeting.

The petition and his recommendation will be published about two weeks prior to the June meeting.

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