

New Prairie Hills USD 113 Superintendent hired

(KNZA)--Prairie Hills 113 has announced the hiring of a new Superintendent of Schools.

The School District announced in a release Wednesday the hiring of Rob McKim for the position.

McKim currently serves as the Superintendent of USD 320 in Wamego, and brings over 31 years of educational experience to his new role.

His career includes notable positions as the principal of Lansing High School, as well as leadership roles in El Dorado, Fort Scott, and Baldwin High Schools.

The release says McKim has a deep understanding of the educational landscape and a strong record of success in student achievement and school improvement.

A native of Morrill, Kansas, McKim is a 1990 graduate of Sabetha High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics education from John Brown University in Arkansas and his master's degree in building leadership from Emporia State University. Additionally, McKim is currently pursuing an educational doctorate at the University of Kansas, where he has received district-level leadership training.

Throughout his career, the release says McKim has been dedicated to fostering high standards for academic excellence. He has taught high school math for 15 years, served as an assistant principal at Fort Scott High School, and as the head principal at Baldwin High School. His leadership experience extends beyond the classroom, having coached various sports including basketball, cross-country, track, football, and volleyball.

In making their decision, the release says the USD 113 Board of Education was impressed by McKim's innovative ideas, data-driven approach, and his commitment to fostering strong community engagement. "Rob understands the high expectations of the Axtell and Sabetha communities," said Leslie Scoby, USD 113 BOE President. "He has a clear vision for ensuring student success and is committed to building a culture of excellence within the district. His ability to involve students and parents in the educational process was a key criterion for our decision."

McKim's appointment follows a comprehensive and rigorous search process assisted by the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB). The KASB facilitated a closed search, allowing the board to carefully consider the best

candidates for the district's future.

“I am thrilled and honored to serve as the new Superintendent of USD 113,” said McKim. “I am eager to get started collaborating with the dedicated educators, staff, families, and community members to continue building on the success of our schools. Together, we will work to create an environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential. I look forward to contributing my energy, passion, and experience to ensure that our students receive the best possible education.”

The release says the USD 113 Board of Education looks forward to McKim's leadership and is confident in his ability to guide the district towards a bright future.

McKim will replace current superintendent Todd Evans, who is resigning at the end of the current school year. Evans has served as superintendent since 2014. He has been hired as the new superintendent of Pawnee City, Nebraska Public Schools.

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