

## **School offers contract for new principal**

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### **Hird is current administrator at Garden County.**

Choosing one of the vital links in a school's leadership team can be a stressful job.

Brady school board members received 19 applications for the principal position following the resignation of Gerald Wallace in February.

Seven of the candidates went through the interview process before a contract was officially offered Monday night.

Board members voted unanimously during a special meeting Monday night to offer a contract to Bruce Hird who currently serves as principal at Garden County High School.

"We had solid candidates," said superintendent Bill Porter. "It was hard to make a decision but we had to go with the person that we felt fit best and was the best person for our district."

Hird is in his second year as principal at Garden County. He received his master's degree in education administration from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2008.

Porter said the contract offered to Hird includes a salary of \$57,000 plus full benefits. Hird must be released by Garden County before he can officially accept the Brady position.

His duties in Brady would begin Aug. 1.

In other business, the school board accepted a bid of \$17,740 from Snell Services of North Platte to acid clean the cooling water tower, install a chemical injection system with corrosion

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inhibitor and add salt-free water softeners to both the heating and cooling units to help prevent future damage.

Porter said because the water in Brady is so hard, it has caused lime and other mineral deposits in the heating and cooling system.

Each tiny part of the cooling tower has to be acid cleaned to remove the rock-hard deposits.

Porter said the money to pay for the cleaning and corrosion prevention will come from the building fund rather than the general fund. Work is scheduled to begin this spring.