

School board approves 8% salary increase for principal

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Brady's K-12 principal Bruce Hird asked the school board Monday night to show their support and solidify their trust with a salary increase.

Hird, who was hired by the district in 2010, outlined his job duties for board members during their regular monthly meeting and explained that serving as principal for elementary, middle school and high school students carries huge responsibility.

"I'm basically on call 24 hours a day every day," he said. "I receive texts, phone calls and e-mails from students, parents and staff at all hours of the day and night."

In addition, Hird explained that he has guided the staff and students through changes designed to improve instruction and learning.

He asked the board to prove their trust in him as an administrator by approving a salary increase.

The board agreed to give Hird an 8% raise, moving his salary to \$64,000.

In other business, board members rejected another bid for window replacement in the old portion of the school building.

Steele's Roofing and Construction of North Platte offered the only bid a month ago at \$249,800 for the entire project.

Steele's came back this month with a bid of \$160,175 for a portion of the project and the board rejected the offer again.

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“I still think this is a little high,” said board member Matt Hatch. “I think if we take a look at doing this in two stages, we might be able to get some smaller contractors involved for a better price.”

For energy efficiency, the board has agreed to replace all windows in the old part of the school. The consensus Monday was that doing the project in two phases could be less costly and would allow for less classroom disturbance in the fall.

The board will ask CG Architects of North Platte to let bids for the project again.

In other business, board members:

discussed the difficulty the district is having finding a part-time art teacher. Superintendent Bill Porter told the board he is looking at options that include distance learning courses for high school art.

learned that senior Tyler Egenberger has received Academic All-Conference recognition from the Sandhills Conference. The award is based on ACT score.

voted to purchase a Bad Boy lawn mower with bag attachment and two-year warranty for \$3,999.

agreed with Porter’s recommendation not to allow use of school vehicles for summer athletic activities.

accepted the annual safety report.

encouraged a meeting of the board’s curriculum committee with Hird and new science teacher Anthony Munter to discuss changes to the science program.

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heard a recommendation from Porter to discontinue publishing an annual activity calendar and use online calendars and three-month calendars printed in the monthly newsletter instead.

approved board policies concerning student admissions, kindergarten entrance, attendance, computer use, transportation, option students and student concussions.