

Brady to compete in MidNebraska Athletic Conf.

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Beginning in the fall of 2014, Brady Public School will compete in the MidNebraska Activities Conference.

In a meeting Monday night, school board members were informed the Sandhills Conference, which Brady competes in this year, will change into the MNAC.

The conference will consist of two divisions: the Sandhills and Loup Valley, with the Eagles in the Loup Valley side.

Both divisions have five teams right now, but depending on Stapleton/McPherson County, the Loup Valley Division could field six.

Brady will be joined by Anselmo-Merna, Ansley-Litchfield, South Loup and Twin Loup.

In other business, elementary students will be receive 20 new iPads for school use at a cost of \$8,760.

The board approved the request to supply elementary students with a device easier for them to operate than a computer, superintendent Bill Porter said.

On another matter, the board approved contract fees to the Educational Service Unit in Ogallala for assistance through 2014-15 school year.

The contract includes \$22,000 payment for distance learning services, \$25,475 for early childhood special education and \$115,846 for school age special education services.

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The distance learning services contract is part of ESU's cooperative share, superintendent Bill Porter said. If Brady has enough classes, the payment will be reimbursed.

The early childhood special education contract allows people from North Platte and Ogallala to come and work with special needs preschool students.

"Those people help with speech and set up programs those students can use at home," Porter said.

Lastly, the school-age special education contract is for special-needs students—kindergarten and higher—to receive educational assistance.

In other business, the board:

approved payment of \$20,520 from the building fund to Joseph R. Hewgley & Associates for drawing plans of a new science room and preschool.

introduced, on first reading, of board policies in relation to bullying and harassment.

paid Perkins County Public School \$8,242 for several distance-learning Spanish classes teachers there taught in the first semester.

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