

The Nemaha Central board of education approved the 2019-20 calendar at the February 11 meeting. The first day of school for students will be August 15. Students and staff will enjoy a longer than usual Christmas break which begins December 21 and ends January 7 for students; January 6 for teachers. Spring break will be March 16-20 and the last day for students will be May 21.

Winter weather has wreaked havoc on the current year calendar. Three full days have been missed thus far. Delayed starts and early dismissals count as full days; therefore, those hours missed will not count against the 1,116 hour requirement. Supt. Kohlman informed the board members that he will recommend that the Monday after Easter be changed to a school day and may possibly look at another day depending if there are any future full day cancellations.

Supt. Kohlman shared the results of surveys conducted to determine the interest in a wrestling program at the middle school and high school. Staff, parents and students were surveyed. Although the vast majority of parents and staff think the program would be a good addition, less than 10 students indicated they would participate. Supt. Kohlman was asked to find out the approximate costs (coaching salaries, uniforms and transportation) associated with the program and where practices would be held.

The following new hires were approved: Cindy McWilliams - Special Education MIS Clerk; Sarah Renyer - NCEMS .5 School Counselor 2019-20; Rosa Dolven - NCHS teacher 2019-20; Garry Smith - NCHS Driver's Education; Mark Friess - NCHS Driver's Education; Bree Seitz – MS Girls Weightlifting; and Schuyler Mayberry – MS Boys Weightlifting.

Board policy updates as recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards were approved.

Board members approved the rollover of the administrator contracts through the 2020-21 school year for Supt. Darrel Kohlman; NCEMS Principal, Dr. Amy Beck; NCHS Principal, Mr. Ben Scism; and Marshall-Nemaha Educational Services Cooperative Director, Mrs. Shana Steinlage.

Due to the regular March board meeting date falling within Spring Break, the board voted to postpone the meeting until Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.