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The USD No. 480 Board of Education will be holding its regular meeting tonight, the final one before graduation and the board will focus on numerous items of business.

Tonight's agenda will begin with a report from Superintendent of schools Paul Larkin about several items, including facility planning, an upcoming superintendent's council and graduation exercises.

Larkin will also be introducing a report from nurse Michelle Hays, who will be updating the board on challenges they face.



“As the supervisor of nurses in the district, I am continually astounded by the types of items these ladies deal with in their daily duties,” Larkin said in the minutes.

Director of Human Relations/Public Relations Jason McAfee submitted his usual report to the board with information about final recruiting fair numbers.

There will also be several items under the New Business section, including several summer projects like the HVAC replacement, concrete replacement and additions and roofing and flooring projects. The board will also be discussing a Phase 1 environmental study, geotechnical studies and land surveys to be done before the district closes on properties.

The board will also be discussing bidding out for general stock and art supplies and color copy paper for the 2014-15 school year, the results of which were posted Friday.

Another big item on the agenda will be discussion on a Memorandum of Understanding for the retention of the recently implemented Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) program at Liberal High School.

“JAG-K, a non-profit organization, is supported by corporate and foundation contributions, public sector grants and participating school funds. JAG-K creates business, industry and education partnerships committed to achieving the mission of JAG, which is to ensure that at-risk high school students remain in school, attain basic employability skills through classroom and career-based learning experiences during the senior year,” the memorandum states.

Another item among the many under new business will be discussion of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment renewal for 2014-2015 for \$47,750. The board will also be looking to update its contract with DLR Group, Inc.

The last things on the agenda will be board comments, an executive session and then adjournment.