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Contracts were approved for Janae Harris and John Adams.

Harris will be the school's new guidance counselor and Adams will replace Kathryn Pruter, teaching history, geography and social studies, among other classes.

Extra duty assignments were accepted, with a few positions still to be filled.

Superintendent Randy Geier was given permission to negotiate wages with non-certified staff. Based on evaluations, Geier may award staff up to a 2.5 percent raise at his discretion.

Geier said the staff has become much more efficient as resignations have taken place and new staff has not been hired. The assistant cook and two other staff members at Palisade have both resigned, but the administration does not plan on finding replacements.

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Action items approved

With no public members attending to comment on the Parental Involvement/Community Relations policy, the board approved the annual adoption with no changes. The board also approved the annual adoption of the Student Fees policy.

Students in the 11th and 12th grades will each have an iPad this year. Depending on the budget, Geier has permission to purchase as many iPads as possible with the hope that all students in grades 7-12 will soon have their own.

The school will find out soon if it was awarded a \$25,000 grant from Monsanto. Money from the grant would be used to reach the goal of an iPad for each junior high and senior high student.