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It has been a long and tedious process to get windows replaced in the oldest portion of the Brady school.

When the building addition and renovation were completed in 2007, energy-efficient windows for the existing building were not included.

The school board has worked ever since to get something done with the old, leaky windows.

Finally, at Monday night's regular monthly board meeting, Stephen Granger of CG Architects of North Platte explained the process for window replacement that will begin next week.

Granger said workers from Lexington Glass, which was awarded the bid for the project last month, will begin by taking out one of the existing windows and studying it to make sure the new windows ordered will be exactly what is needed.

When the windows are delivered in approximately six weeks, Granger said it will take two to three days per window for replacement and the scheduling will depend on availability of classrooms as students will have to be shuffled around during construction.

The entire process will take three to four months with a cost of $140,000.

In other action, the school board approved a bid from Weathercraft Roofing to install steel cap and counter flashing on the building above the math room to stop a continuing leak.

The board also voted to spend $1,300 to update an electrical hookup station for the buses.

In other business, school board members:

recognized the many years of service by board member Harry Haythorn, who chose not to seek re-election in November.

discussed continuing work toward merging the Sandhills Conference with the Loup Valley Conference, an action officials hope to have completed prior to the 2014-15 school year. Some changes planned to the Brady athletic schedule for the coming year, including dropping Cody-Kilgore from the regular season for basketball, are being done to eliminate the long trip and not due to conference realignment.

scheduled a meeting of the board's policy committee to consider rewriting the district's current guideline on student memorials.

considered implementation of a middle school and high school version of the district's Response to Intervention program to target some older students in need of additional help. More committee discussion will be done.

approved the annual poverty and multi-cultural plans, a procedure which is done annually by all districts.

reviewed, in closed, session the superintendent's evaluation.