

Kimberly School District #414
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FY25

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024

ITEM# 11-3 2ND READING HEALTH ENHANCEMENT

This update was prompted by SB 1308 and HB 666, which were signed into law this year. The former requires districts/charter schools to provide information on adoption alongside any sex education they provide. The latter prohibits districts/charter schools from using sex education materials or instruction provided by an abortion provider. These edits also remove some non-required practices relating to HIV prevention and replace some optional portions on instruction about HIV/AIDS with instruction on sexually transmitted infections (STIs) more generally. Verbiage on sex education was placed in this policy for improved clarity and usability, with an approach to teaching about abstinence.

As was discussed at the July board meeting, after speaking with the KHS health instructor, sex education was not being taught. Per the directive of the board, I have worked with the KHS administration to offer support to the instructor in teaching this sensitive subject. Going forth, KHS will have the female high school counselor team teach sex education alongside the male health teacher. As was suggested at the last meeting, the board may consider putting into policy that sex education is a subject that is team taught.