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Lights at the school's East 9th St. football field should be up and operational by the first home game on Sept. 4.

Supt. Matt Fisher told school board members at last week's monthly meeting that Pivot Electric is arranging for the crane to be here Aug. 25-26 to reattach the poles and put up the light fixtures.

Before that, there will be some work needed on the fixtures to readjust the lights for proper projection. The fixtures are currently being stored at Curly Olney's.

At an Aug. 10 meeting of the airport zoning board the day before the school board meeting, approval was given for placement of the pole on the northeast.

That was the last of the four poles awaiting approval after school board members decided on a split vote to put it up at 41 feet, complying with the airport's zoning restrictions.

Initially, they sought a height of 52 feet, but that obstructed the airport's 50/1 zoning restrictions.

Supt. Fisher said, since the airport zoning board's action on Aug. 10, all four poles have also received the necessary building permits for construction.

In other business, the board approved a long slate of classified staff hirings, including aides, coaches and a bus driver, as follows. There was also one resignation.

Coaches hired

Nancy Sorensen, a second grade teacher, will be asst. high school girls' basketball coach, replacing Matt Jablonski.

Rob Lueth, asst. high school wrestling, replacing Skip Kelley. Lueth was a volunteer wrestling coach last year.

Matt Vlasin, junior high wrestling coach, replacing Gary Patch. Vlasin will also serve as head high school coach again this year.

Kriss Krutsinger, asst. grade 7-8 boys' basketball, replacing Dan Lenners.

Lueth, Vlasin and Krutsinger are all non-staff members.

Aides

Halee Meyer, Sharon Patch and Jamie Jussel were all hired as full-time teachers' aides.

Others include:

Jennifer Prodoehl as full-time special ed. aide.

Letha Oldaker and Stephanie Rau, half-time English as a Second Language (ESL) aides.

Also hired was Terry Harris as bus driver.

The board accepted the resignation from Stacey Jaeger as a teacher's aide.