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USD 415 Board Adopts New Capital Outlay Resolution

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha USD 415 Board of Education has adopted a resolution that would allow the school district to levy up to 8 mills annually for five years for the district's capital outlay fund. The board took the action during their meeting Monday evening.

The current tax levy for the capital outlay fund is 5 mills.

Superintendent Penny Hargrove the new school funding bill passed by the legislature and recently signed by Governor Sam Brownback allows for capital outlay funds to be used for more things—including maintenance and the purchase of uniforms. Hargrove says it also allows for the tax levy to be permanent. Hargrove said making the tax levy permanent would save the board from having to go through the same process every five years.

However, board members Ian Schuetz and John Wright voiced concerns about making it permanent. In the end, the board agreed to keep the tax levy for a five year period as it currently is.

The resolution must be published twice. It will take effect 40 days after it's final publication in the Hiawatha World unless a valid protest petition is filed. If a valid petition is filed, the question of whether the tax levy should be authorized would go to a vote of district patrons.

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