

Additional cuts planned at Wetmore school

**(KMZA)--Additional cuts are planned at the Wetmore Academic Center to assist in the viability of the school.**

**Prairie Hills USD 113 Superintendent Todd Evans says the Board of Education this week examined projected revenue and expenses in order to determine the amount of adjustments necessary to bring the school back within the parameters of viability established by the Board.**

**Based on the information presented, he said the Board identified a reduction of at least \$80,000 as a goal to reach.**

**A proposal to accomplish that will be presented at the April meeting.**

**The Board voted last month to cut a teaching position at the school, which would save about \$61,000. The reduction will be made through attrition, as an elementary school teacher will be retiring at the end of the current school year.**

**The main challenge being faced at the school is a declining enrollment.**

**In other business, Evans said the lone bid was accepted from Edelman's for the construction of a new press box at Sabetha High School in the amount of \$95,702. The district will pay \$47,851 towards the cost of the project.**

**In working with the Sabetha Booster Club, the Board had previously approved paying for half of the construction expense up to \$60,000. Evans said the Board indicated a willingness to further work with the Booster Club to help support additional needs—including a sound system.**

**And the USD 113 Board approved a 2018 summer food program in Wetmore. .**

**Last year, Evans says the program served 818 meals. After revenues and expenses were calculated, he said the district had a net program balance of \$637.**