

Pay increases approved for USD 430 staff

(KNZA)--Pay increases have been approved for the staff of the South Brown Schools of USD 430.

During a special meeting Monday evening, the USD 430 Board of Education approved a 4 percent salary increase for the building principals, superintendent and curriculum director. In addition, a 54 cent hourly increase was approved for all classified staff.

Following an executive session, the Board also approved the certified master agreement with teachers for the 2018-19 school year. Under the agreement, the base salary will increase \$1,400, a 4.2 percent increase. The district will continue to pay for a single health insurance plan for all staff working a minimum of 20 hours a week.

After a hearing drawing no public comment, the Board approved the 2018-19 budget as published.

The budget contains an estimated tax rate of 43.379 mills, which is a 1.5 mill levy decrease. The budget calls for the district to collect nearly \$1.6 million in local taxes.

The district was able to lower the mill levy due to an increase in the assessed valuation.

Although first year Horton High School Activities Director Travis George was arrested Saturday on charges relating to domestic violence, no action pertaining to his status with the school district was taken during the special meeting.

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