

USD 415 board approves lease proposal for sports facility

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board, when they meet Monday evening, approved a lease proposal for use of the new indoor practice facility nearing completion at Noble Park**

**Following a lengthy discussion, the board voted 5-1 to enter into a two-year lease agreement with the Hiawatha Baseball and Softball Club for \$13,000 annually. The lease would run from January 2023 through December 2024.**

**Board member Roni Tietjens cast the lone dissenting vote. Board member Jacquie Kerl was absent.**

**The lease proposal must be approved by the Club board.**

**The Club had proposed a 4-year agreement at \$18,000 annually or \$1,500 a month. Board President Ian Schuetz said the group's primary concern was being able to cover operating expenses.**

**The indoor practice facility is the 1st phase of the Hiawatha Championship Sports Complex. Ground was broken last August for the facility and construction on the building began in October, which is expected to be completed by March 1.**

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