

USD 415 considers funding request for sports facility

**(KNZA)--A group is seeking a \$200,000 financial commitment from the Hiawatha School Board towards the construction of an indoor practice facility at Noble Park.**

**Hiawatha Baseball and Softball Club representative Troy Kolb met with the School Board Monday evening to further discuss the group's request.**

**Kolb said the funding would serve as “seed money” toward the construction of the estimated \$300,000 facility, which is the first phase of a proposed three-phase improvement project. It would also include a new softball field and upgrades to Paul Rockey Field.**

**The Hiawatha City Commission last week committed to a 25-year-old lease of the land for the building.**

**Kolb said the Club has secured some tentative monetary commitments, but most are waiting to see what the city and school district does before pledging.**

**He said they would like to break ground in October.**

**The Board looked at which capital outlay projects could be pushed to a future year in order to commit the \$200,000 requested by the Club.**

**The Board made no decision on the funding request. Superintendent Lonnie Moser will check into the legalities and logistics of providing funding to the Club. The board will revisit the request at a special meeting next week.**