

USD 415 board approves 2022-23 budget

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board has finalized the 2022-23 budget, which calls for net expenditures of nearly \$20.5 million and a slight decrease in the property tax levy.

That came at their September 12 meeting following two hearings drawing no public comment.

Following the first hearing, the board approved a resolution authorizing the district to exceed the revenue neutral tax rate.

Following the second hearing, the board approved the 2022-23 budget as published.

The district will collect more than \$6.7 million in local tax revenue.

In other business, the board approved hiring a Wichita-based firm to oversee a HVAC project at the wood shop and ag building.

Representatives of DCS Services were on hand at the meeting to answer questions.

They said they will obtain bids from different vendors, with the decision coming back to the board on who to go with.

Federal Esser funds will be used to pay for the project.

Board President Ian Schuetz presented a certificate of recognition to middle school athletic director and physical education teacher Ben Kettler for outstanding performance. Ketter was nominated for the honor by a patron. He was thanked for continuing to go above and beyond to meet the needs of students.

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