

USD 415 board hears lease proposal for sports complex

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board heard a lease agreement proposal Monday evening for the indoor practice facility, currently under construction at Noble Park, as part of the Hiawatha Championship Sports Complex project.

Hiawatha Baseball and Softball Club President Troy Kolb met with the board to discuss the lease proposal.

Kolb said the group is asking that the school district contribute \$50,000 up front help finish the building, and then a monthly fee of \$1,500 for a 10-year period for the district teams to utilize the facility.

The indoor practice facility is the 1st phase of the sports complex project, which is to also include a new softball field and renovations to the existing Paul Rockey Field.

Ground was broken for construction of the facility in September, which is to be completed by March 1—in time for spring practices.

Kolb said the USD 415 baseball and softball teams, in season, would have top priority for the building, but that it would be open to other sports and events as well.

The board took no action on the lease proposal. Superintendent Lonnie Moser recommended the district's attorney be contacted for guidance before any final decisions are made. He said the matter be brought back to the board for consideration at next month's meeting.