

Hearing set on proposal to close Wetmore school

(KMZA)--The Prairie Hills USD 113 Board of Education on a 4-3 vote Monday evening approved a resolution setting a public hearing on a proposal to close the Wetmore Academic Center.

The hearing will take place at 10 am on February 4 at the Wetmore Academic Center varsity gym.

At the hearing, a representative of the Board will present the proposal to close the school and the board will hear testimony as to the advisability of the proposed closing.

The closure is being proposed due to a continued declining enrollment, budgetary considerations, and the need to recruit and retain quality staff. The resolution says closure of the school is necessary to allow for additional educational opportunities for students and more efficient use of resources.

There are currently 125 students at the K-12 Wetmore school.

If the school is closed, students would be reassigned to the Sabetha schools.

Approval of the resolution came after the board heard from a number of Wetmore patrons in support of keeping the school open

The board has been discussing the viability of its campuses at several recent meetings--including a November 21 special meeting.

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