

USD 415 board hears update on stoplight issue

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board heard an update Monday evening on the First and Oregon Street intersection stoplight issue.

The stoplights went out a few weeks ago due to an apparent short. Since that time, Superintendent Lonnie Moser said there has been no movement from the Kansas Department of Transportation on the issue.

KDOT believes there is not enough east-west traffic at the intersection to warrant stoplights, and that stop signs would be a better solution. Moser said its probably going to take a concentrated effort to change their minds.

He said the city and school are trying to get a meeting set up with area legislators to enlist their support. Board member Tom Simmer said he had contacted Senator Dennis Pyle about the matter and he said he would check into it.

Currently, the lights are in blinking mode---yellow for north-south traffic and red for east-west traffic. City crews have also placed temporary stop signs for east-west traffic.

Local officials believe stoplights are needed at the intersection for the safety of traffic in and out of Red Hawk Drive by the school.

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