

USD 415 Board Approves Additional Special Ed Funding

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board has agreed to provide more than \$30,000 in additional funding to Brown County Special Education Inter-local 615 for the 2016-17 school year.

Director Becky Shamburg appeared before the Board Monday evening to request at total of \$50,000 from the two districts that makeup the inter-local, with the Hiawatha school district's share being \$30,430.

Shamburg told the board they have seen a decline in carry-over funds since 2012 and saw the level really decrease after they added health insurance for paraprofessionals in 2014. She said their carry-over is below what its suppose to be and wants enough carry-over to be able to pay one month of salaries, which is around \$217,000.

The board voted to provide the additional funding as requested, with the money to come from the district's capital outlay fund.

In other business, the Board approved adding a bus route after school on a trial basis to take middle school students to the elementary school for pickup or to walk home.

Two years ago, a bus route was added to take elementary school students to the middle school after school for pick-up. Transportation Director Mary Clary said that has worked well.

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