

Acoustic improvements sought in HHS gym

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Red Hawk Booster Club wants to see acoustical improvements made in the high school gym.

Troy Kolb and Chris Morey with the Booster Club met with the Hiawatha School Board Monday evening to request the improvements.

Quotes were presented from two companies for the installation of ceiling-mounted acoustic banners.

One quote was for around \$30,000 and included 60 banners, which would cut the reverb from 9 secs to 5 secs. The other quote was for around \$42,000 and included 100 banners, which would reduce the reverb from 9 secs to 1.2 secs.

If pursed, the Booster Club would like the district to pay the full cost of the project since the gym is used for activities other than athletics.

The Board asked Superintendent Lonnie Moser and District Maintenance Supervisor Matt Cluck to look into the project—including the cost of consulting with a structural engineer. Moser will report back to the Board next month.

In other business, the Board voted for the district to fund the high school baseball program beginning with the current school year.

The cost is expected to be about \$10,000 annually.

The first two years of the program were funded by donations.

The district will continue funding the program until board action is taken otherwise.

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