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HTRS School Board Will Discuss Closing Table Rock Site

(KLZA)-- School districts are constantly reassessing their future needs. The Humboldt-Table Rock – Steinauer school district has undergone major changes in the past 20 years due to consolidations and other school districts closing.

Another major decision concerning the school district needs to be made. During this month's HTRS Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Sherri Edmundson asked Board members for guidance on what information they need from her to make an informed decision about the future of the Table Rock site school.

Edmundson says she wants to public to know this is a conversation that is necessary. The pros and cons of closing the Table Rock site and having all students attend classes in Humboldt need to be weighed. The Superintendent has a list of topics to be considered.

They include:

Savings from wages and utilities if closed.

The cost to replace the boiler in the building.

The cost of major repair projects.

Is there room in the Humboldt building for all of the students?

Are the kitchen facilities adequate at Humboldt if all students attend class in the same building?

What if only the gymnasium at Table Rock is kept open?

What would be the costs for utilities, insurance and transportation?

What to do with the portable building at Table Rock?

Could it be used at the Humboldt site?

Edmundson did point out that currently six instructors travel between the two school sites each day and are allowed an hour for travel time. She noted that without that travel time, it would be like gaining a full-time instructor.

There is no plan in place for closing the Table Rock School site at this time. However, due to reasons discussed, mainly decisions on anticipated high-dollar maintenance items, the time has come for decisions to be made.

Edmundson says she and the HTRS Board want patrons to know the conversation is going to take place and have an opportunity for everyone to talk with Board members.

Currently HTRS students in grades 5th – 8th attend class at the Table Rock facility. Just over 100 students are attending classes in the building.

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