

USD 113 board considering facility improvements

**(KMZA)--The Prairie Hills USD 113 Board of Education is considering proposed improvements at three district schools.**

**Superintendent Todd Evans said architects with Civium Architecture and Planning were hand at Monday's Board meeting to share concepts for facility improvements.**

**In addition to a science room remodel and safety upgrade in Axtell, Wetmore improvements that could include a new ceiling in the varsity gym, Evans said the majority of conservation revolved around improvements to the Sabetha Elementary School. He said those improvements include remodeling of the existing 1958 building, as well as potential new construction of a PE, music, and media center.**

**Evans said the Board discussed a three-prong approach to paying for the facility improvements. The discussion included using contingency funds, capital outlay and a lease-purchase for the project. Some other considerations include annual cash flow, mill levy impact and other long-term needs within the district.**

**Evans said the Board could decide at their April meeting on a path for moving forward.**

**In other business, the Board agreed to hire mechanical engineer, Scott McKinley, to study the district's HVAC systems for replacement. Evans said McKinley will provide recommendations for a timeline to replace obsolete equipment.**

**The USD 113 Board also approved using federal funds to pay for summer school programs and agreed to waive the Sabetha high school credit recovery fees for classes**

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