

USD 415 board approves proposed budget for publication

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board has approved for publication a proposed 2022-23 budget that calls for net expenditures of nearly \$20.5 million and a slight decrease in the property tax levy.**

**The board took the action Monday evening after Superintendent Lonnie Moser reviewed the proposed budget.**

**The budget contains an estimated tax rate of 48.518 mills, which is a .231 mill decrease from last year.**

**The budget calls for the district to collect more than \$6.7 million in local tax revenue.**

**Moser said the district's assessed valuation increased \$6.8 from last year.**

**He said the budget includes a proposal to raise the local option budget from 30 percent to 31 percent of the general fund.**

**The board will hold two hearings at their September 12 meeting. The first at 6 p.m. on its intent to exceed the revenue neutral tax rate and the second at 6:10 p.m on the proposed budget.**

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