

USD 415 board approves 2022-23 budget

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

**That came at their September 12 meeting following two hearings drawing no public comment.**

**Following the first hearing, the board approved a resolution authorizing the district to exceed the revenue neutral tax rate.**

**Following the second hearing, the board approved the 2022-23 budget as published.**

**The district will collect more than \$6.7 million in local tax revenue.**

**In other business, the board approved hiring a Wichita-based firm to oversee a HVAC project at the wood shop and ag building.**

**Representatives of DCS Services were on hand at the meeting to answer questions.**

**They said they will obtain bids from different vendors, with the decision coming back to the board on who to go with.**

**Federal Esser funds will be used to pay for the project.**

**Board President Ian Schuetz presented a certificate of recognition to middle school athletic director and physical education teacher Ben Kettler for outstanding performance. Ketter was nominated for the honor by a patron. He was thanked for continuing to go above and beyond to meet the needs of students.**

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