

USD 415 board updated on gym project

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board was updated on the high school gym bleacher renovation project when they met Monday evening.

Superintendent Lonnie Moser said there have been several issues with the project, which has caused an extension in the timeline of the project.

He said the original timeline for completion of the project of the end of this month is not going to happen and that he isn't sure the company's "soft" timeline of the middle of September will happen at this rate.

The Hiawatha invitational tournament is going to be rescheduled because of the conflict with the gym seating.

Moser said the high school school has contingency plans in place through the middle of September if the gym is still unusable at that point, and they are working to figure out what to do if it goes beyond that.

He said the contractor chose to start the project July 1st instead of right after graduation as the board requested.

Board members expressed their displeasure and concerns over the delay.

Board member Tom Simmer said the board needs to start implementing a penalty in bid specifications to start protecting itself against issues such as this. Board President Ian Schuetz agreed.

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