

Public input welcome in school budget talks

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The first item on the agenda for the Kearney R-1 school board workshop at 6:30 p.m. March 4 is to hear comments from the public.

Ultimately, the board will discuss district patron survey results along with programs and services. This discussion will all lead to where to cut the budget.

“Please note that in an effort to use the meeting time in the most efficient way possible, each organization or ad hoc group should designate one speaker. Patron comments and questions will be limited to three minutes each. If questions arise during this time, school district personnel will work hard to provide answers during the remainder of the meeting,” Superintendent Dr. Bill Nicely wrote in a letter addressed district patrons.

School districts across the state know only one thing about revenue from the state for the next fiscal/school year: there will be less money.

Decisions will not likely be voted on at this workshop, but there will be discussion on how to vote in the near future – possibly as soon as the March 18 regular board meeting.

The school board will meet tonight in the library at Kearney High School.

Check The Kearney Courier’s Web site Friday, March 5, for a summary of that discussion.