

Budget Hearing, Hearing to Set the Property Tax and Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020 7:00 PM
Media Center of the Secondary Building

BUDGET HEARING

-Budget Hearing Called to Order: Called to order at 7:00 PM with 2 administrators and 2 visitors present

- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

-Excused Absences: There were none

-Roll Call

Mike Bonacci: Present

Mike Conrad: Present

Jon Genoways: Present

Kim Lukasiewicz: Present

Amanda Schrum: Present

Kelli Shaner: Present

-Purpose of the Hearing: The purpose of this hearing is to receive support, opposition, criticism, suggestions and observations of taxpayers on the proposed budget for 2020-21.

-Review of Proposed 2020-21 Budget: David Genoways presented documents for both the revenue and expenses. They were essentially the same as the Budget work session, except for the addition of the unused budget authority to balance the budget. There were reductions on the expenditures relating to labor and benefits costs, corrections based on document layout and errors, a reduction in dues/fees, and including the unused budget authority on the expenditure side also.

-Board of Education Comments: There was discussion and explanations about the budget document itself and David Genoways explained what it contains.

-Public Comments: There were none

-Adjournment of Budget Hearing: President Genoways declared the hearing adjourned at 7:10PM.

HEARING TO SET PROPERTY TAX REQUIREMENT

-Hearing Called to Order at the Conclusion of the Budget Hearing: Hearing called to order at 7:11 PM with 2 administrators and 2 visitors present

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

-Excused Absences: There were none

-Roll Call:

Mike Bonacci: Present

Mike Conrad: Present

Jon Genoways: Present

Kim Lukasiewicz: Present

Amanda Schrum: Present

Kelli Shaner: Present

Purpose of the Hearing: The purpose of this hearing is to receive support, opposition, criticism, suggestions and observations of taxpayers on the proposed property tax request for 2020-21.

-2020-21 Property Tax Requirement Information: David Genoways explained the documents including Schedule B which show the tax asking, valuation and how levies are determined. The board discussed the levies by fund which is the most informational for board members. The bond fund has gone down 2¢ again this year which is influenced by the increase in valuation. A comparison of past years' valuations and levies was requested and will be supplied.

-Board of Education Comments: There were no more.

-Public Comments: There were none.

-Adjournment of Hearing to Set the Property Tax Request: The hearing was adjourned at 7:20PM.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: 7:21PM

-Roll Call:

Mike Bonacci: Present

Mike Conrad: Present

Jon Genoways: Present

Kim Lukasiewicz: Present

Amanda Schrum: Present

Kelli Shaner: Present

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted

-Excused Absences: There were none.

-Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

-Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.

-Claims for September: Moved that the claims for September be approved in the amount of \$217,012.44 from the General Fund, \$549,349.23 from Savings & Depreciation, and \$71,602.67 from the Building Fund passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Mike Bonacci.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. These claims are a lot of one-time expenses as all the supplies ordered this summer are included. When discussing the credit card, a lot of the PPE supplies were ordered on line and paid through it, along with dues, equipment and supplies. The elementary 4 room project is almost done and a recap is attached showing the 2 items left to complete. The S&D claims are July and August for the 4 room addition and some are for expenses for the new gym.

-Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda includes: Approval of the Minutes, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Approval of the Control Budget, Approval of the Food Service Report, Approval of the Transportation Report, Approval of the Receipts Report. Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim

Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The transportation report was discussed and Jon Genoways noted the cost per mile is about what was hoped and that all fuel purchases are included in the report.

-Standing Committee Reports: American Civics & Education-Kelli Shaner reported on the Resolution for Participation in the Papio NRD Multi-Hazard plan; the superintendent evaluation which they selected after discussion on 3 separate instruments and agreed the one chosen has enough detail to pass on for consideration; discussion on agreeing to the elementary parking lot plan so one is in place when construction warrants it; update on progress with the new gym; discussion on Homecoming plans; and that the Before and After School Program will transition to Fort Calhoun Schools at the end of this year.

Finance Committee: Mike Conrad reported on completing the sale of the Stephens' house to make way for further development; the proposed plan for the elementary parking lot design, that it has been amended and discounted, and it is good to have a plan in place; review of the budget; agreeing to the one superintendent evaluation tool with a couple of wording changes; the assurances the Papio NRD plan would guarantee for FEMA mitigation/recovery grants if needed; updates on the elementary gym and Homecoming changes that will be announced; Before and After Care at school; and waivers for school meals being extended to benefit our kids.

Reminders for future planning including a new intercom at the high school, replacing district phone system, foundation issues at the PLC, the high school academic hallway, and transportation purchases on a rotating schedule for buses and vans.

-Budget Resolutions

General Fund Budget: Moved that the General Fund Budget for the 2020-21 school year be set at \$ 11,446,716.00 with a property tax requirement of \$4,607,807.00 resulting in a tax rate of 0.9500000 passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Special Building Fund Budget: The board will move that the Special Building Fund Budget for the 2020-21 school year be set at \$983,837.00 with a property tax asking of \$485,032.00 resulting in a tax rate of 0.100000 passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Bond Fund Budget: The board will move that the Bond Fund Budget for the 2020-21 school year be set at \$826,007.00 with a property tax asking of \$848,806.00 with a tax rate of 0.175000 passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Qualified Capital Purpose Fund: Moved that the Qualified Capitol Purpose Fund Budget for the 2020-21 school year be set at \$248,000.00 with a property tax asking of \$191,588.00 resulting in a tax rate of 0.039500 passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request: Mike Conrad read the resolution. Moved that the board of education pass this Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request- WHEREAS, the public was given at least five days notice in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2020-21 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, Special Building Fund, and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund of Washington County School District 89-003; and, WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Washington County School District 89-003 (hereinafter "the District") at the

time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and, WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and, WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10% the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be \$1.163104 per \$100 of assessed value; the Fort Calhoun Community Schools proposes to adopt a property tax requests that will cause its tax rate to be \$1.264500 per \$100 of assessed value. WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Fort Calhoun Community Schools will exceed last year's by \$870,669.00. WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2020-21 school fiscal year. NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$4,607,807.00 (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$848,806.00; (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$485,032.00; and (4) the Tax Request for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$191,588.00 It is so moved by Mike Conrad and seconded by Kelli Shaner this 14th day of September, 2020. Roll Call vote as follows: Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Washington County School District 89-003, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board. Signed Secretary Kim Lukasiewicz. Passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Kelli Shaner. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Superintendent Evaluation: Moved that the superintendent evaluation be approved as presented and discussed. Failed for lack of a vote. There was discussion about some of the wording and things that board members should be able to witness and evaluate. Some of the items discussed were staff evaluations and reporting of same, who is responsible for this, and that students' information is on the state reports. The timelines and frequency of staff evaluations were discussed and there is a spreadsheet of the same. The superintendent is responsible ultimately and he will report that it is being done and completed, and if any situations arise those will be reported also. Teachers that missed evaluation last Spring because of the COVID closure still had to have them done and reported to the state, post school year. It was decided this would be an item on the board retreats in the future and any situations would be a matter for executive session. There was also discussion about where buildings, grounds and facilities would fit into the evaluation and some of the meanings of words and phrases in the instrument. It was decided to table the motion until October and check with the attorneys on these meanings before passage of the instrument. It was also said that if this instrument does not fit the board's needs it may be reevaluated. Moved that the motion to approve the superintendent evaluation be tabled passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea.

-BCDM Elementary Parking Lot Design Plan: Moved that the board of education accept the proposed elementary parking lot design plan from BCDM in the amount of \$25,250 as presented and discussed passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Mike Conrad. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda

Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was discussion about permits required and what requirements the city may have for us to fulfill prior to beginning the project.

-Resolution for Participation in Papio-Missouri River NRD Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
Moved that the Board of Education pass the Resolution for Participation in the Papio-Missouri River NRD Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Board Member Reports: Amanda Schrum thanked all the administration for the amazing job they are doing during the COVID reopening and school having handled everything with grace. Kelli Shaner has subbed and said the kids and staff have been phenomenal in their actions to keep COVID down and that everyone cares enough to follow the rules. Mike Bonacci said everything is going well although changing; and thank you for the 2¢ bond budget reduction.

Jon Genoways asked that the levy history be given to the board before the budget hearing.

-Administrator Reports: Mr. Wemhoff reported on the new DHM guidelines and the discussions that have been taking place about Homecoming. Mr. Green said they have been in contact with 3 Rivers Health who suggested the schools “not tear apart whatever we have worked for for 4 weeks”, but they couldn’t hold us back. Discussions have been ongoing to meet a happy medium so as to have a good celebration without our kids missing out while remaining safe. “Is a risk worth the reward”? We’re not sure with the timeline if it can all be put together with the city. The group will be meeting to discuss what can be done and keep them safe. Jon Genoways said he received a complaint about the royalty missing out on their parade. Mike Conrad said “in life not everything goes the way you want all the time”. Mr. Green continued that the Commissioner of Education said stage 4 will not impact what schools are doing by following the guidelines, and we’ll get different opinions from different people. We’re in week 4 and we don’t want to lose what we’ve attained by acting like nothing is happening. We want to stay in school. Amanda Schrum said she supports whatever decision is made. Mr. Wemhoff also reported on upcoming NWEA testing, Instructional Strategies and coaching through ESU #3 for the year, and the upcoming principals’ meeting.

Mr. Wagner’s report was noted as he had a military commitment.

Mr. Christensen’s report was noted as he was supervising an activity.

-Superintendent Report: Mr. Green reported on the board goals including having a zoom meeting with a foundation president who will give insight into completing our goal, an update on COVID and that students and staff are following the plan and the nurses are doing a “fantastic” job. He also spoke about the elementary gym and waiver program for meals. Upcoming meetings include the NASB Membership meeting and the School Law conference. The board did decide to attend the NASB State convention in Omaha and to attend in person beginning on the 2nd day.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Genoways declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24.