

Budget Hearing and Regular September Board Meeting

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BUDGET HEARING

- Budget Hearing Called to Order: The hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 9 visitors present.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted
- Excused Absences: All present
- Roll Call: Mike Bonacci, Present; Josh Christensen, Present; Mike Conrad, Present; Jon Genoways, Present; Amanda Schrum, Present; Kelli Shaner, Present.
- Purpose of the Hearing: The purpose of this hearing is to study the proposed 2022-23 budget and receive public comment on that budget as it is being considered for adoption by the Board of Education.
- Review of Proposed 2022-23 Budget: David Genoways presented the budget to be approved and noted a copy of it in the agenda. Revenues are the same as those presented at the Budget Workshop. The non revenue receipts to balance the budget are \$2,535,337. Expenses changed slightly as a result of what is required in the state budget document and an error in one of the categories. This resulted in an expenditure increase of \$22,125. The new accounts have been loaded to more correctly fit into the Annual Financial Report for 2022-23. The District uses all of the unused budget authority in the budget and have done so for many years. The bulk of the change was in group health insurance.
- Board of Education Comments: There were no further comments
- Public Comments: The board received no public comment.
- Adjournment of Budget Hearing: The hearing was adjourned at 7:06 PM

REGULAR SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING REGULAR AGENDA

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The hearing was called to order at 7:06 PM. There were 9 visitors present.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted
- Excused Absences: All present
- Roll Call: Mike Bonacci, Present; Josh Christensen, Present; Mike Conrad, Present; Jon Genoways, Present; Amanda Schrum, Present; Kelli Shaner, Present.
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- Public Participation: Josh Bernasek asked the board for the rules on dual enrollment for non resident students who are homeschooled. Mr. Green stated our policy is that part time students must live in the district and the state option program is for full time students only. One way to do this would be for the board to contract with the family as tuition students. The board will

have to discuss this and set a dollar amount for tuition. The board thanked him for his interest and they will discuss it for further consideration.

-September Claims: Moved that the claims for September be approved in the amount of \$301,324.27 from the General Fund. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was an explanation regarding special education transportation.

-Claim from Abe's Trash Service: Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash Service be approved as presented. This motion, made by Bonacci and seconded by Shaner, Passed.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Abstain, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-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. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Standing Committee Reports: Agreeing to continue to publish a print edition of the *Dispatch* quarterly; pursue the project for updates to the track and football field by getting state aid information and seeing a design plan and final costs; and adding a storage building would be contingent on costs.

Budget Motions

-General Fund Budget: Moved by the board of education that the General Fund Budget for the 2022-23 school year be set at \$ 13,501,820.80 with a property tax requirement of \$5,176,042.00 resulting in a tax rate of 0.950000. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Jon Genoways: Nay, Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The figures are the same as the budget hearing. There was discussion about the process to come to this information, and expenses exceeding revenue. Jon Genoways called this "reckless". The board thanked both David Genoways and David Relihan for their work in preparing it.

-Special Building Fund Budget: Moved by the board of education that the Special Building Fund Budget for the 2022-23 school year be set at \$1,281,645.17 with a property tax asking of \$544,846.00 resulting in a tax rate of 0.100000. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Bond Fund Budget: Moved by the board of education that the Bond Fund Budget for the 2022-23 school year be set at \$2,212,832.94 with a property tax asking of \$817,270.00 resulting in a tax rate of 0.150000. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. It was noted this results in a tax decrease of 1.4¢ asking over the previous year which has been a practice of the board over the past years.

-Qualified Capital Purpose Fund: Moved by the board of education that the Qualified Capitol Purpose Fund Budget for the 2022-23 school year be set at \$440,295.45 with a property tax asking of \$163,454.00 resulting in a tax rate of 0.030000. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad:

Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. This bond is included in the 1.4¢ decrease in asking.

-Track and Football Field Replacement Project: Moved that the board of education authorize the administration to proceed with the track and football field all steps needed to get to the bid/contract approval stage. This motion, made by Bonacci and seconded by Christensen. There was discussion about the wording of the motion it seeming to give “carte blanche” for expenses and members wanted an “amount not to exceed” clause in the motion. The motion was meant to just get dollar amounts for the project to be used by the board in deciding whether to do it or not. Board comments also included the monies have been saved and it is a good time to proceed, it needs to be done, and this would make it more usable by more people. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved by the board of education to authorize the administration to proceed to get bids/contract information for the replacement of track and football field for further review. This motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Shaner. Matt Tinkham from the engineering firm working on the preliminary survey for no cost, to get a site design explained they have done these types of projects before and they will work to get the best it can be. This site has challenges that need to be addressed including a high voltage power line under the track from the new addition, other electrical, water and cabling lines under the site, storm sewer issues, and drainage structures. Their goal is to have plans ready in December to get in the first round of bidding before contractors are at their busiest. A question was asked if the project does not go forward will there be a bill for these services and yes there will be for the design and plan.

David Genoways said the board will always have the plan and still could use it in the future. The first step is the design, then estimates and then out to bid. A comment was made about the board always having a “ball park” figure to agree upon and asked about the “not to exceed” price which ranged from \$25,000-\$30,000 to \$50,000. Tinkham said the contract would include everything needed to do the plan including specs of products and an itemized contract of all services that are necessary for the project would be included in the proposal. He could have it ready for the 9/27/22 meeting for board approval to be able to make a decision. He continued they have contractors who specialize in this with 3 or 4 local ones and that Gretna used one from out of state whose bid was lower. This motion was tabled until the 9/27/22 meeting.

-Board Member Reports: Board members are excited for Homecoming and the decorations look great. Shaner attended the Area Membership meeting and received a legislative update and information about school districts. Bonacci commented on the full slate of sports going on and the band representing the school well at the State Fair and Septemberfest Parade.

-Administrator Reports: Mr. Wemhoff reported on upcoming Homecoming activities, completing testing with a nice job from Mr. Wilson; having outside facilitators for staff inservice on Marzano and help with aligning our curriculum with new Math standards; an update on AQUESTT about changes in the building that help students and our school be better; and upcoming NCC principals’ and NSAA meetings. He informed the board that he has been selected now to be on the NSAA Board of Directors.

Mr. Wagner: Fall assessments are complete and he is working with NSCAS to better understand how it works; the Math adoption is underway and a timeline is in place; Homecoming week; moving the Music concert to November 3; professional development with an instructional coach from ESU #3 to help with both new and tenured teachers; upcoming events; and continuing to work with Nebraska Frameworks to keep our improvement plan moving.

Mr. Schleifer: Was supervising an activity. His report included the busy fall sports schedules, Homecoming including the parade, pep rally and fireworks this year.

-Superintendent Report: He and the board will meet to decide on additional board goals to go along with one carryover for “developing a technology philosophy which will drive the district”: gave a COVID update and the schools plan; the PLC renovation is now complete; working to finish floors in the Wrestling Building and uses for and/or sale of old mats; having to convene a public meeting of the American Civics committee; and upcoming negotiations and selecting a committee of board members for this. Our negotiations package through SPARQ has been updated and we will spend time with them learning the changes which will make the process better.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.