

Board of Education Continuation of August 2019 Regular Meeting  
Friday, August 23, 2019 5:00 PM Fort Calhoun Jr-Sr High Library

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM. There were 3 administrators and 1 visitor present.

Excused Absences: Moved that the absence of Kelli Shaner be excused passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Absent

Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

Roll Call: Mike Bonacci:Present. Mike Conrad:Present. Jon Genoways:Present, Kim Lukasiewicz: Present, Amanda Schrum: Present, Kelli Shaner: Absent

### Approval of Agenda

Moved that the agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Absent

## REGULAR AGENDA

Approval of Claims: Moved that the final 2018-19 bills be approved in the amount of \$26,285.08 from the General Fund passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Absent.

Ad Hoc Committee Appointments: Genoways appointed himself, Jon Genoways, and Mike Conrad and Amanda Schrum to serve on the ad hoc committee. He explained he wanted continuity if the other members were on the committee and not reelected as it will run longer than the election timeline. The committee will start the process before meeting with the city to get a feel for what could come.

Budget Information: One additional visitor arrived.

David Genoways reported that what he is reporting will be different than in the past because of changes in coding on the state and federal levels to give a more detailed picture of exactly where monies are being spent. He is comparing the current system to the new look and put the information into old format to show the familiar.

Expenses: The expenses are essentially done and the ending balance includes the monies for elementary expansion for next year. There will be a 4.15% increase in salaries due to added staff, and an increase to keep qualified non-certified staff; and with salary increases, benefits increase too. Health insurance had a pretty significant increase because of benefit increases, added staff and changes in coverages for individual employees. Operations are showing a .7% increase with \$200,000 for the elementary project, and a significant increase in contract services including our contracting for a full time SRO, services from outside agencies for vision and hearing, and differences in student placements. We must provide services, so these expenses are necessary. The budget is just under \$9 million and debt service has not been calculated because all the receipts for August have not been received. Once the budget is finalized it will be an in and out for the unused budget authority and will be done when the rest of the budget is finished. We must get our state aid figures, be in compliance with the lid, and be able to set a levy to be able to spend it if needed.

Revenue: The new coding has a much smaller impact in revenue with lunch being one of the exceptions. Not all receipts for 18-19 have been received because the State is about 2 months behind

in approving grants such as IDEA so that money has not been received leaving our receipts in the negative, even though we have to report it for 2018-19. Nothing happens if it is negative, it just shows up in our accounting. We also have to report our 1<sup>st</sup> state aid payment into August, and the amount includes the \$600,000 to depreciation. He went through the various areas where receipts come from including local, county, state and federal. We have received an \$189,000 adjustment in state aid from last year. An additional potential source of income for 2019-20 is PLC tuition from additional surrounding schools. This budget shows approximately \$322,000 in excess revenue the is a potential source for funding future projects. Valuations have been certified, have increased 7.75% and are used to figure the levies. By leaving the General Fund at the max of .95¢, and by using these valuations the levy could be lowered by 2.95¢. This would leave enough to collect enough to cover the bond costs and give almost 3¢ back. You can only use bond fund money for bonds. We have refinanced them to save money and years on them, but can only do it every 5 years. We try to keep the yearly amount the same, and the general and building fund total levy cannot exceed \$1.05. The budget will be finalized by next board meeting and voted on then too. There will be 3 public hearings before the regular meeting pertaining to it and these will need to be advertised along with required forms showing exact figures. After passing, the budget needs to be sent to the state no later than September 20<sup>th</sup>. Jon Genoways said this board has always said that when the valuations go up we “give it back” and that is what they plan to do. The bond fund can be changed every year when the amounts warrant it and they are not under the lid because they were formed by an election of the people. Genoways concluded saying the board will still retain all categories as planned, but there is money in the budget for any replacements which is a great budget strategy.

#### ADJOURN

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.