

Budget Hearing, Hearing to Set Property Tax Requirement and Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018 7:00 PM
High School Media Center
5876 County Road P43
Box 430
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

BUDGET HEARING

Budget Hearing Called to Order at 7:00 PM with 3 administrators and 6 visitors present.

Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

Excused Absences

Moved that the absence of Jon Genoways be excused passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. He will be coming.

Roll Call

Mike Bonacci: Present
Mike Conrad: Present
Jon Genoways: Absent
Robin Kister: Present
Kim Lukasiewicz: Present
Kelli Shaner: Present

Purpose of the Hearing

Jon Genoways: Present

Review of Proposed 2018-19 Budget: The only changes from the budget work meeting were to move expenses within categories to better describe and compare the items in the Replacement Schedule. The final computed amount for unused authority was plugged into the budget in both receipts and expenditures to balance it. The budget documents required by the state have been published and were presented and explained.

Board of Education Comments-There was no further discussion.

Public Comments-There were none.

Adjournment of Budget Hearing: Moved that the Budget Hearing be adjourned at 7:11 PM passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

HEARING TO SET PROPERTY TAX REQUIREMENT

Hearing Called to Order at the Conclusion of the Budget Hearing at 7:12 PM. There were 3 administrators and 6 visitors present.

Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws
Excused Absences-All members were present.

Roll Call

Mike Bonacci: Present
Mike Conrad: Present
Jon Genoways: Present
Robin Kister: Present
Kim Lukasiewicz: Present
Kelli Shaner: Present

Purpose of the Hearing

2018-19 Property Tax Requirement Information: This consists of the property tax requirement amounts being asked. Nothing has changed and these figures were also published. The proposed levies being requested amount to a 2¢ reduction in the overall levy asking.

Board of Education Comments: There were no further comments.

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment of Hearing to Set the Property Tax Request: Moved that the Hearing to Set the Property Tax Request be adjourned at 7:15 PM passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

REGULAR SEPTEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

REGULAR AGENDA ROUTINE BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM with 3 administrators and 6 visitors present.

Excused Absences-There were none

Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

Roll Call

Mike Bonacci: Present
Mike Conrad: Present

Jon Genoways: Present
Robin Kister: Present
Kim Lukasiewicz: Present
Kelli Shaner: Present

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Public Participation: Daniel Berman was introduced as our new reporter from the Enterprise.

Claims for September 2018

Moved that the claims for September be approved in the amount of \$179,465.38 from the General Fund and \$23,582.44 from Savings & Depreciation passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
There was discussion about the amount of the 1st National Bank Card bill. Dr. Johnson explained what it entails, and the miscellaneous expenses to start the new year.

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 Reports, Approval of the Transportation Report, Approval of the Receipts Report
Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Standing Committee Reports

There were none. President Shaner called attention to the Technology Report.

Budget Resolutions

General Fund Budget

Moved that the Board of Education set the General Fund Budget for 2018-19 at \$10,327,836.00 with a property tax requirement of \$3,896,667.64 passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Jon Genoways. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Special Building Fund Budget

Moved that the Board of Education set the Special Building Fund Budget for 2018-19 at \$ 607,485.24 with a property tax asking of \$ 410,176.00 passed with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Mike Conrad. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Bond Fund Budget

Moved that the Board of Education set the Bond Fund budget for 2018-19 at \$ 1,001,701.00 with a property tax requirement of \$ 904,436.99 passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Qualified Capital Purpose Fund

Moved that the Board of Education set the Qualified Capital Purpose Fund budget for 2018-19 at \$200,000.00 with a property tax asking of \$ 180,477.00 passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Property Tax Request

Moved that in accordance with Nebraska statutes and the budget for the 2018-19 school year adopted by the Board of Education under those statutes, and after holding a public hearing to receive comments regarding the property tax request required to support that said budget, Washington County School District #3 requests that the County of Washington provide a levy upon the property owners in the school district to collect the following: General Fund \$ 3,896,667.64 .950000 Special Building Fund \$ 410,176.00 .100000 Qualified Capital Purpose Fund \$ 180,477.00 .044000 Bond Fund \$ 904,436.99 .220500 passed with a motion by Robin Kister and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea Dr. Johnson said being able to save 2¢ is a big deal and are glad to “give back a little bit”.

School Resource Officer-Discussion and Possible Action

This has been in the conversations for a while getting information and discussing how to better utilize the person. Other schools do classroom activities, courses & presentations in order for their time in the schools to be more productive. We are researching what can be done and a preliminary outline of possible areas was presented. One of the biggest goals is to build positive relationships with kids. It would be for second semester; following interviews, hiring etc. and then go forward from there.

Dr. Johnson said he was invited to a meeting to discuss placing an SRO in the schools along with other representatives, but found it had been combined with a mandatory meeting including the county attorney about the schools’ responsibilities to them of reporting discipline, as these numbers seem to be increasing. Discussion turned to bullying, reporting discipline, investigative responsibilities, and possible conflicts between school policy and the law. Kister said SROs are a liason between students, staff and law enforcement and their visibility and being receptive will benefit kids by helping when talking to adults and/or someone in authority. They can also be visible in classrooms to listen and observe.

Shaner suggested that it is a great opportunity for the district and we can make it a fit for us. As for the county attorney’s program, he is trying to get a general understanding of what is happening, crimes on school property, what should and could be reported with this being constantly changing depending on circumstances. Our principals now do the

investigating and if deemed to be a situation for law enforcement, they bring them in. This will all need to be developed as not to involve double work. Sheriff Robinson said the code of conduct is still the responsibility of school authorities, and that the SRO position has not been advertised. As “safety is a real push for us”, what else can we do to enhance if not to do this. Conrad asked questions regarding the position including if this would be full time in our school, and yes it will be as there is too much for one officer for two schools. There are no certain certifications for an SRO but they will be a certified officer and the administration will be included in the application process. Sheriff Robinson went over the costs to the district including the percentages to be paid for an officer and what we will get for our money.

Genoways said the board has made financial investments and provided resources for safety and with this added can make it worth the additional investment. There should be conversations after the semester to make sure that we are getting the most we can and all we expected. Their policies and procedures need to be compared to the schools first to make sure “we are all on the same page”. There was discussion about if we would decide not to continue could we get the part time SRO back and that is unsure at this time. We get county receipts which amount to about the same as the proposed yearly charge.

Mr. Green asked how do you say this is not a great idea—we owe it to everyone to try. Are there unknowns and processes? Absolutely---and then evaluate. Sheriff Robinson said it takes a special type of officer to do this job and they won't hire if not a good fit.

Moved that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Washington County Sheriff's office for a full time SRO officer for the amount of \$12,500 for a trial period of one semester with the intent of a decision on a long term basis after that passed with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Drivers Education Summer 2019

Moved that the schools contract with ESU #3 to furnish Drivers Education for the summer of 2019 with any costs being the responsibility of the participant passed with a motion by Mike Conrad and a second by Robin Kister. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. ESU #3 will furnish the instructors and there must be at least 10 participants registered.

Board Member Reports

Lukasiewicz reported on the successes of Cross Country teams and that they had gone to the elementary to introduce themselves. Bonacci said the band did a wonderful job at the State Fair and that Grant Hansen is very good at broadcasting our games. The football scoreboard has been repaired and we have gotten a backup system for the softball field speakers while the City works on it. Genoways said “kudos” to our teachers for their communications keeping kids on track.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Green: Our NWEA testing will begin next week and so far there have been some problems in the state with the online communications; an upcoming principals' meeting and Mental Health Summit; setting up Marzano Instructional strategies through ESU#3 for our new teachers and staff; and homecoming week.

Mr. Wagner: Update on the Kids Club Director, pick up and drop off at the elementary; Fall testing; having a para position still open; professional development with Pearson on the new Science materials; attending the student behavior and Changing of Minds conferences; and upcoming events.

Mr. Wemhoff was supervising an activity and his report was noted.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Johnson reported on the progress being made in the areas of mental health and counseling saying we will have an in-school counselor this year and that a Title IV grant can be used for this. He also reported on the other goals of long range building plans and developing a replacement schedule. He attended a meeting of "Open Sky Policy Institute" which researches and analyzes Nebraska state fiscal policy and says the fiscal condition of the state will be better than the last biennium. The labor relations conference suggested contracts for all employees and changing physical exam practices for school bus drivers. He again mentioned Amanda Brom taking the head spot in the Before and After Care and thanked those who kept it "steady" throughout the transition. He also spoke about staffing needs and his upcoming conferences. There were monies budgeted for the mental health program and now we have a grant, so this money may be used for the SRO. There is also Title II monies available for these types of programs.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM passed with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Robin Kister: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea