

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

August 17, 2015

A public tax rate hearing for the tax levy to be set for 2015-16 school year was held at 6:45 P.M. on August 17, 2015. Board members Mehrens, Kroenke, Eckhoff, Beaman, Sell, and Swearngin were present. Parrott was absent. Also present were Kevin Smith and Carol Waibel. Mr. Smith recommended the following tax rates be set for the 2015-16 school year: General Fund - \$3.50; Special Revenue Fund -0-; and Debt Service Fund - \$.50. Total tax rate of \$4.00. After discussion the tax rate hearing was closed.

Board members present for the regular meeting on August 17, 2015 were Mehrens, Kroenke, Eckhoff, Beaman, Sell, and Swearngin. Parrott was absent.

Also present were Kevin Smith, Marc Spunaugle, and Carol Waibel. Teresa Viebrock was present to present her report on health services.

Call to Order President Mehrens declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Amendments to the Agenda Mr. Smith requested that the Health Services Program Evaluation (Item 5) be moved before Consent Agenda (Item 4).

Citizens Comments There were no citizen's comments at the meeting.

Consent Agenda
a. August 17, 2015 board agenda
b. July 20, 2015 regular meeting minutes
c. Payment of Bills
d. 2015-2016 Tax Levy
e. Ethics Resolution
f. Set Tuition Rate
g. Special Education Local Compliance Plan
h. Agreement for Worxtime Consulting Services

Copies of the August 17, 2015 agenda, the July 20, 2015 regular meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the August 17, 2015 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. A separate page 3 of bills was available at the meeting. The tax rate hearing was held prior to the regular meeting and the recommended tax rates are \$3.50 for general fund (Fund 1) and 50 cents for debt service fund (Fund 3) for a total rate of \$4.00 for the 2015-2016 school year. The board is increasing the total operating levy to \$3.50 per voter approval on April 7, 2015. Board members desire to readopt board policy and regulation 0342, which includes the ethics resolution. Mr. Smith recommends setting the tuition rate for non-resident students that request to attend the Lincoln R-2 School District to be \$8,000 per student for the 2015-2016 school year. The amount is based on our per pupil cost. The Special Education Compliance Plan was available for board members to review, and the Agreement for Worxtime Consulting Services was explained. After questions and discussion a motion was made by Kroenke, seconded by Sell to approve all items included in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

At 7:10 PM, Mrs. Eifert arrived at the meeting.

2015-2016 Budget Amendments Mr. Smith updated the board on the proposed budget amendments. A motion was made by Swearngin, seconded by Eckhoff to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Program Evaluations

- a. Health Services Teresa Viebrock, the school district nurse, reported on the health services program. A summary of health office visits for the last school year was discussed with the board members, and she updated the board on immunizations. After questions and discussion, Teresa Viebrock left the meeting.

A motion was made by Swearngin, seconded by Beaman to approve the Health Services program evaluation as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Academic/Eligibility Policy

Mr. Smith shared the results from a recent poll he took of surrounding schools academic eligibility policies.

After discussion a motion was made by Beaman, seconded by Sell to amend the district academic eligibility policy to require students to pass 80% of their allowable credits (following MSHSAA guidelines), but the grades are reviewed quarterly rather than only at semester.

After further discussion, Beaman amended his motion that the district amends the academic eligibility policy to require students to pass 80% of their allowable credits (following MSHSAA guidelines). Motion carried 4 ayes, 2 nays.

Policy and Regulation Updates

The board policy updates from July 2015 to Policy 3155, 3470, 4831, Regulation 1520, Policy and Regulation 3440 were reviewed. After discussion a motion was made by Beaman, seconded by Swearngin to approve the Policies and Regulations as listed. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared that Midwest Computech provides our on-site and off-site technology service as of July 1. The board was informed that Hiland (K-n-M Distributing) was awarded the milk bid for the 2015-2016 school year. The renovated special services life skills room will be completed soon. CitiLink will be broadcasting live our football games on the internet this year. We will be receiving the newly leased school buses soon. An additional USDA grant was approved recently for our district for the purchase of cafeteria tables, two utility carts, and 59 computer towers.

Mr. Spunaugle commented that the high school staff returned today, and they are anxious to start the new school year. Student enrollment currently is at 235 for the upcoming school year. U.S. News and World Report awarded our high school as one of the best high schools in the U.S. Our first home football game will be Friday, August 21 versus Rich Hill. We will host Appleton City for the first home volleyball game Tuesday, August 25.

Mrs. Eifert reported that there are 251 elementary students currently enrolled. Classrooms and teachers are ready for the new year.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Sell, seconded by Swearngin to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)) at 8:45 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Swearngin-yes; Sell-yes; Kroenke-yes; Beaman-yes; Eckhoff-yes; Parrott-absent; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:49 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Sell, seconded by Beaman to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

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