

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

August 21, 2017

A public tax rate hearing for the tax levy to be set for 2017-18 school year was held at 6:45 P.M. on August 21, 2017. Board members Mehrens, Kroenke, Beaman, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler, and Yearout were present. Also present were Kevin Smith and Michelle Smith. Mr. Smith recommended the following tax rates be set for the 2017-18 school year: General Fund - \$3.5178; Special Revenue Fund -0-; and Debt Service Fund - \$.50. Total tax rate of \$4.0178. After discussion the tax rate hearing,

Call to Order Board members present for the regular meeting on August 21, 2017 were Mehrens, Kroenke, Beaman, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler, and Yearout.

Also present were Kevin Smith, Marc Spunaugle, Becky Eifert and Michelle Smith.

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

Amendments to the Agenda There were no amendments to the agenda.

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

Consent Agenda
a. August 21, 2017 board agenda
b. July 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes
c. Payment of Bills
d. 2017-2018 Tax Levy
e. Ethics Resolution
f. Set Tuition Rate
g. Special Education Local Compliance Plan
h. West Central Special Services Cooperative

Copies of the August 21, 2017 agenda, the July 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the August 21, 2017 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 \$3.5178 for general fund (Fund 1) and 50 cents for debt service fund (Fund 3) for a total rate of \$4.0178 for the 2017-2018 school year. 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 2017-2018 school year. The amount is based on our per pupil cost. The Special Education Compliance Plan and West Central Special Services Cooperative was available for board members to review. After questions and discussion a motion was made by Kroenke, seconded by Ebeling to approve all items included in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve \$30,000 prepayment of the Series 2015 Bonds maturing March 1, 2026 on March 1, 2019 by Beaman, seconded by Yearout to approve prepayment. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

School Grounds Maintenance Mowing bid information was presented to the Board by Mr. Smith, after discussion a motion was made by Ebeling, seconded by Parrott to approve Precision Lawn Care for mowing contracted services for two years. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared with the board about the beginning of school activities and the staff returning. He also shared heating and cooling issues in the building and that it is time to have the system looked at to see where the issues lie. He will gather information to present to the board next month a plan to devise a plan of action. He added that Coach Curtis shared that we have 26 football players, 15 being starters for varsity leaving 11 for JV, all JV games with the exception of two have been cancelled by other schools for not having enough players.

Mr. Spunaugle commented that the high school staff are anxious to start the new school year. Student enrollment currently is at 222 for the upcoming school year. He also shared that we currently have 14 girls for V/JV Volleyball, 13 girls for JH Volleyball; 22 JH Football; 12 Varsity Cheerleaders and 7 JH Cheerleaders.

Mrs. Eifert reported that there are 263 elementary students currently enrolled. Classrooms and teachers are ready for the new year.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrot to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)) at 7:46 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Beaman-yes; Eichler-yes; Kroenke-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 7 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:00 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Eichler to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M. Motion carried 7 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education