

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

August 20, 2018

A public tax rate hearing for the tax levy to be set for 2018 - 2019 school year was held at 6:45 P.M. on August 20, 2018. Board members Mehrens, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler, and Yearout were present. Also present were Kevin Smith, Marc Spunaugle, Becky Eifert, and Michelle Smith. Mr. Smith recommended the following tax rates be set for the 2018 - 2019 school year: General Fund - \$3.53; Special Revenue Fund -0-; and Debt Service Fund - \$.50. Total tax rate of \$4.03. After discussion the tax rate hearing,

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

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.

The oath of office was administered by board secretary, Michelle Smith to Matt Rutherford, as board member.

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 20, 2018 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 20, 2018 agenda, the July 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes, and pages 1 and 2 of the August 20, 2018 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 \$3.53 for general fund (Fund 1) and 50 cents for debt service fund (Fund 3) for a total rate of \$4.03 for the 2018 - 2019 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 2018-2019 school year. The amount is based on our per pupil cost. The Special Education Compliance Plan and West Central Special Services Cooperative was discussed. After questions a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Eichler to approve all items included in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

2015 General Obligation Refunding Bonds A motion was made to approve the resolution authorizing the redemption of the \$100,000 Principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2015 and authorizing the publication of notice of redemption by Parrott, seconded by Ebeling to approve prepayment. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Substitute
Salary/Unused Sick
Leave

Mr. Smith stated the current substitute rate we pay is at \$70 for certificated staff and \$56 for non-certified staff. Currently unused sick leave is at \$30 per unused day for Certified staff and \$24 for non-certified. He has proposed to increase Certificated substitute pay to \$80 per day and non-certificated sub pay to \$60 per day, also increasing Certificated staff unused sick pay to \$40 per day and Non-Certificated staff unused sick pay to \$30 per day. A motion to increase substitute rates for certificated and non-certificated and to increase unused sick day pay for certificated and non-certificated staff was made by Yearout, seconded by Eichler to approve the increases. Motion carried 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Smith shared information regarding the preschool building water damage on the north. He is going to have custodial staff remove siding on the ends where the water damage is to assess the damage more and report back to the board should damage be more in-depth for repair. Information was shared regarding bus #17 needing to be replaced. Current bus leases are averaging \$11,000.00 per school year for three years. Currently we have four leased buses of our seven route bus fleet. Mr. Smith will inquire trading bus #17 in for a new leased bus and report back to the board in September. Mr. Smith asked the board for approval of the expiring leases for Bus 22 & 23 to be replaced with two (2) new leased buses, a motion was made by Eichler and seconded by Ebeling to approve the two new leased buses.

Mr. Spunaugle commented that the high school staff were anxious to start the new school year. Student enrollment currently is at 218 with 98.5% attendance three days in. He also shared information on two bills that were passed in July 2018 for Senate Bill 603 (Virtual Instruction) and House Bill 1606 (accelerated education). Bills were passed and become law August 28, 2018. MOVIP, which is now MOCAP is one of the changes. MOVIP was fully funded by the state and now is funded by school districts. Mr. Spunaugle shared information on the virtual classroom instruction. Final language is not set on either bill at this time, the district would not have a policy in place until 2nd semester for 2018-2019. More information will be shared as it becomes available through DESE and MCE.

Mrs. Eifert reported that there are 266 elementary students currently enrolled, new enrollment currently is at 39 new students. We had 40 students in attendance for summer school, Kindergarten orientation was for 4 days the last week of summer school, parent orientation was held on a Monday night and went rather well. Open House was held on the 14th and had great attendance. Largest elementary class currently is 5th grade. Classrooms and teachers are ready for the new year.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Yearout to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)) at 8:19 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:47 P.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made by Parrott, seconded by Rutherford to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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