



OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Board of Education Agenda

### Budget Hearing

June 28, 2021

5:30 pm

(Regular Board Meeting Immediately Following Budget Hearing)

Washington Campus

645 Alger Street

Owosso, Michigan 48867

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Public Participation

#### 3. For Information

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#### 4. Adjournment

## BOARD GUARANTEE (Adopted May 2006)

We have been elected by the members of our community and choose to serve our fellow citizens to deliver the best possible programs and services to our children.

**Therefore, we guarantee that:**

We will serve with pride. We have been given the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and the quality of life in our community, and we are proud to accept that challenge.

We will treat students, parents, citizens, staff and fellow board members with dignity and respect.

We will be informed, knowledgeable and prepared before making decisions that affect the education of students. We will stay up-to-date so that our decisions will be based on the most recent information. We will model our belief that learning is a lifelong process.

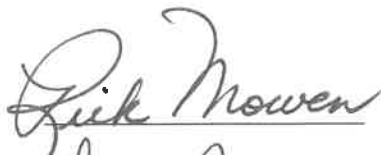
We will do our part to work as a team with administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, students and citizens so that the entire learning atmosphere of our school will be one of warmth and caring. We will do this by becoming a part of district committees such as cross-functional, professional governance council (PGC) and many more.

We will maintain the policy making role of the Board and represent this to the constituents of the district by informal communications and referral to the proper channels for consideration of concerns and suggestions.

We will be enthusiastic and energetic in our support of the work in our schools by students, staff and volunteers. We will model this behavior by attending school sponsored events and working toward board certification through class work.

We will represent and reflect all segments of the community and base our decisions on sound policy and ethical principle that is in the best interest of all students. We will do this by basing our decisions on data and survey work on an annual basis. We will also take the time to have formal and informal conversations with our community.

Rick Mowen  
President



Shelly Ochodnický  
Vice President



Sara Keyes  
Treasurer



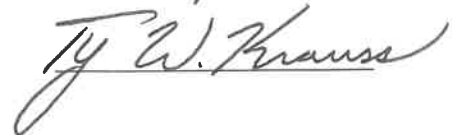
Marlene Webster  
Secretary



Adam Easlick  
Trustee



Ty Krauss  
Trustee



Olga Quick  
Trustee



Board Guarantee check points will run in conjunction with the Superintendent dialogue sessions.



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# BOARD OF EDUCATION NORMS

- Open, Honest, and Timely Communication
- Prepared
- Committed
- Unified
- Disagree Without Conflict
- Punctual (notify if absent)
- Responsive (48 hour rule)
- Students First
- No Surprises



## **Public Participation at Board Meetings Statement**

The Board of Education is a public body and recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues. Time has been included in the meeting's agenda for public participation. Members of the audience are reminded that they should announce their name and group affiliation when applicable and to limit their participation time to three minutes or less. Comments should be directed to the Board and be relevant to the business of the Board of Education. This is not an opportunity for dialogue with the Board of Education. The rules of common courtesy should also be observed.

**OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Meeting – BUDGET HEARING**  
**June 28, 2021**  
**Report 20-156**

**FOR INFORMATION**

Subject:

Public Budget Hearing

Recommendation:

Recommend that the Board of Education officially hold a budget hearing disclosing the proposed millage that supports the budget resolutions being asked to be approved by the Board for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Statement of Purpose/Issue:

The purpose is to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Education and the Board of Education by holding a public hearing prior to adoption of the 2021-22 budget. This hearing must be held before the adoption of the budget and shall include the topic of the proposed property tax millage rate. A notice has been published in the paper that the budget would be discussed at this meeting as well as the millage that supports the budget. A signed affidavit to this effect will be received from the Argus Press, the paper of general circulation utilized for the notification.

Facts/Statistics:

- The Board of Education must hold a public hearing on its budget prior to adoption. Taxation issues, including millage rates, will be a subject discussed during this hearing. Specifically addressed will be the *Headlee* Amendment and the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Truth in Taxation, section 16).
- The purpose of the *Headlee* amendment is to protect Michigan taxpayers against excessive state and local taxation. *Headlee* requires voter approval of any new or increased local tax, **and contains a special limit on property tax increases caused by property tax assessment growth.**
- This year the *Headlee* amendment will result in roll-back of .9996 however, this millage will be applied against the voter authorized millage of 18.2259. This results in a reduced millage rate of **18.218** ( $18.2259 \times .9996$ ). Since the District may not, by law, levy a millage in excess of 18.0000 mills, the District may still levy the full 18 operating mills on eligible property.
- The Sinking Fund assessment will also be subject to Headlee rollback with a MRF of .9935. This will be applied against the already reduced millage rate of 1.9922 with a resulting sinking millage of **1.9793**
- ( $1.9922 \times .9935$ ).
- Truth in Taxation states that a district is not allowed to collect more in taxes than 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, without a public hearing. The millage rates that are imposed by the school district must be adjusted accordingly.
- The voters passed on bond in November of 2017 for which the fourth assessment will take place in December of 2021. The calculated millage known at this time is 4.73 mills.
- In summary the following millage rates will be considered approved and assessed on eligible property for the Winter tax assessment in support of the 2021-22 proposed expenditures:
  - Operating millage (renewed in May of 2013)– **6.000 mills** for commercial personal property, **18.0000 mills** for all others
  - Sinking Fund millage – **1.9793 mills** (approved by the voters in August of 2018)
  - Debt Millage – **4.7300 mills** (approved by voters in November of 2017)