

Benton County R-2 School District

Minutes – Regular Meeting

August 19, 2019

A public tax rate hearing for the tax levy to be set for 2019 - 2020 school year was held at 6:45 P.M. on August 19, 2019. Board members Mehrens, Rutherford, Parrott, Ebeling, Eichler, and Yearout were present, Beaman was absent. Also present were Kevin Smith, Becky Eifert, and Michelle Smith, Marc Spunaugle was absent. Mr. Smith recommended the following tax rates be set for the 2019 - 2020 school year: General Fund - \$3.54; Special Revenue Fund -0-; and Debt Service Fund - \$.50. Total tax rate of \$4.04. After discussion the tax rate hearing,

Call to Order Board members present for the regular meeting on August 19, 2019 were Mehrens, Rutherford, 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.

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

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

Consent Agenda Copies of the August 19, 2019 agenda, the July 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes, and page 1 of the August 19, 2019 bills were mailed to board members prior to the meeting and were available for the public at the meeting. A separate page 2 of bills was available at the meeting. The tax rate hearing was held prior to the regular meeting and the recommended tax rates are \$3.54 for general fund (Fund 1) and 50 cents for debt service fund (Fund 3) for a total rate of \$4.04 for the 2019 - 2020 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 2019 - 2020 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 Yearout to approve all items included in the consent agenda as listed above. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. August 19, 2019 board agenda
- b. July 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes
- c. Payment of Bills
- d. 2019 - 2020 Tax Levy
- e. Ethics Resolution
- f. Set Tuition Rate
- g. Special Education Local Compliance Plan
- h. West Central Special Services Cooperative

2015 General Obligation Refunding Bonds A motion was made to approve the resolution authorizing the redemption of the \$120,000 Principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2015 and authorizing the publication of notice of redemption by Ebeling, seconded by Parrott to approve prepayment. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Policy and Regulation Updates Mr. Smith summarized the proposed policy and regulation updates as recommended by MCE. After discussion, a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Rutherford to approve Policy 0320; Policy 1210; Policy 2640; Policy 2871; Regulation 3165; Policy 3425; Policy 4870; Policy 550; Regulation 6190; Forms 4130 and 4130.1; and Forms 6190 and 6190.1. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Administrator Reports Mr. Smith shared information of the new computers that have been ordered and starting to be put in place to staff. Also shared was information about the upcoming active shooter drill to be held Tuesday, August 20th. Benton County Enterprise has interviewed our new staff for this school year, we have one fourth grade teacher, and one new bus driver. The chain link fence that was to already be installed, the contractor never showed up, we are in process of finding a new contractor.

Mr. Spunaugle commented that the high school staff were anxious to start the new school year. Student enrollment currently is at 233 with classes starting this week. Faculty meetings today with staff went well; teachers are looking forward to the year. Fall sports under way and going good.

Mrs. Eifert reported that there are 250 elementary students currently enrolled, new enrollment currently is at 25 new students. Kindergarten orientation was for 4 days this past week; parent orientation was held on a Monday night and went rather well. Open House will be held Tuesday, August 20th. Classrooms and teachers are ready for the new year.

Executive Session A motion was made by Eichler, seconded by Parrott to go to executive session for personnel matters (RSMo 610.021 (3 & 13)) at 7:45 P.M. Roll call vote of motion carried as follows: Yearout-yes; Eichler-yes; Ebeling-yes; Parrott-yes; Rutherford-yes; Beaman-absent; and Mehrens-yes. Total vote 6 yes, 0 no.

Board members returned from executive session at 7:50 P.M.

Adjournment There being no further business a motion was made by Yearout, seconded by Eichler to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education