

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
USD 417 Board of Education
Revenue Neutral Tax Rate Hearing
Budget Hearing
Regular Meeting
September 11th, 2023 at 5:45 PM
USD 417 District Office
17 Wood Street, Council Grove, Kansas 66846

Members Present: TinaRae Scott, Jamie Johnson, Kelsey Hartman, Billy Glenski and Marie Blythe.

Members Not Present: Mary Myers, Terry Powell

Others Present: Superintendent Nancy Meyer, Amber Weeks, Bryce Johnson, Jan Sciacca (Zoom), Valerie Gehrler, Chris Delforge, Heather Honas, Tasha Green, Kelcy Bremer and Dana Reddick.

HEARING ON REVENUE NEUTRAL TAX RATE

Meeting called to order at 5:45 PM by USD 417 BOE President, TinaRae Scott.

Superintendent Meyer reviewed the revenue neutral tax rate document. There were no comments or objections from the public about the district exceeding the revenue neutral tax rate as published. President TinaRae Scott read aloud the Resolution to Exceed Revenue Neutral Tax Rate – 01-2023-2024. **The board adopted the resolution to exceed the revenue neutral rate by a roll call vote of 5-0.**

Marie Blythe- Yes
Billy Glenki – Yes
Kelsey Hartman – Yes
Jamie Johnson – Yes
Mary Myers – Absent
Terry Powell – Absent
TinaRae Scott – Yes

HEARING ON PUBLISHED 2023-2024 BUDGET

Superintendent Meyer reviewed the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessments for budget considerations. At their August 14th, 2023 regular meeting, the board was provided with proposed 2023-2024 Budget. There were no comments or objections from the public about the 2023-2024 budget as it was published.

Empty Chair Philosophy: The Empty Chair Philosophy was observed.

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Approval of Agenda: Jamie Johnson (Marie Blythe) moved to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Approval of Monthly Bills: Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to approve the payment of \$1,146,810.55 in monthly bills. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Kelsey Hartman (Billy Glenski) moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Administrative Reports: Administrators send their monthly reports via email. Any further additions will be reported at this time.

1. Council Grove Elementary Principal – Heather Honas – nothing new to report. President TinaRae Scott congratulated Kelcy Bremer who will represent our district this week as a presenter at the MTSS conference.
2. Prairie Heights Elementary Principal – Chris Delforge – nothing new to report
3. Jr/Sr High School Principal – Jay Doornboos, Assistant Principal/Activities Director – Matt Fox – not present due to evening activities
4. Health and Wellness – Dana Reddick – Discussed that the IDM Funding grant is a continuation of the same grant that we have been receiving for testing supplies.
5. Curriculum – Valerie Gehrler – nothing new to report
6. Superintendent – Nancy Meyer –
 - On Friday the CGJSHS will have a reunification drill and mentioned other drills our schools will participate in during the school year.
 - She discussed headcount for the district on this day last year compared to today, the number is the same at 773. Count day is September 20th and that number is how we get our funding from the state.
 - Reviewed rotation of busses and will need to develop a plan to possibly purchase 1-2 busses per year and an option to retrofit busses with air conditioning. Need to plan, spend wisely and be prepared since quite a few busses are older. Once ordered, a bus can take over 1 year to receive. One new transit van has arrived this school year. We will start researching for bus replacements.

Board Member Items:

President TinaRae Scott set out KASB pocket cards about student success and dollars and cents for BOE to use as a quick information guide. Jamie Johnson and President TinaRae Scott will attend KASB board leadership training next week and the Woman in Leadership Conference

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later this month. Other members are to let Amber know if they would like to attend any conferences.

Business Items and Reports:

1. Review Building Needs Assessment and State Assessments

Discussion was had and information was provided about the building needs assessment and state assessment results. Both were evaluated by the BOE and have been used to approve the budget.

2. Adopt Local Option Budget Resolution

President TinaRae Scott read aloud the Resolution Local Option Budget Percentage – Resolution – 02-2023-2024.

Superintendent Meyer discussed the state statute allows 31.6% without a resolution. Our BOE in 2019 voted for 33%, but a yearly adoption of a LOB percentage resolution is still required to maintain a 33% LOB.

Jamie Johnson (Billy Glenski) moved to adopt the Local Option Budget Resolution authorizing LOB percentage up to 33%. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Adopt 2023-2024 Budget

President TinaRae Scott mentioned we held the Budget Hearing at 5:50 PM today and the budget was discussed at the August 14th, 2023 meeting.

Jamie Johnson (Marie Blythe) moved to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget as published. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Review of Open Enrollment of Nonresident Students (JBCC)

Superintendent Meyer reviewed the current policy/practice and discussed options.

Feedback was collected and questions were answered. Timeline established.

Superintendent Meyer will contact board members to review KASB suggested policy in order to finalize a policy at the October meeting.

5. Update Trustee for the Standard 403(b) plan

Superintendent Meyer reviewed that an employee of the district is needed to be as trustee of the 403(b) plan. The resolution will remove Aron Dody, former superintendent, as trustee and add Nancy L. Meyer, new superintendent, as trustee.

President TinaRae Scott read aloud the Resolution to Appoint Trustee of 403(b) Plan – Resolution 03-2023-2024.

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Kelsey Hartman (Marie Blythe) moved to update the Standard 403(b) plan trustee to Nancy L. Meyer and remove Aron Dody. Motion passed 5-0.

- 6. Approval of 2023-2024 Transportation Handbook
Jamie Johnson (Billy Blenski) moved to approve the 2023-2024 Transportation Handbook. Motion passed 5-0.**
- 7. Accept 2023-2024 IDM Funding Budget Grant
TinaRae Scott (Jamie Johnson) moved to accept the 2023-22024 IDM Funding Budget Grant. Motion passed 5-0.**

Executive Session for Personnel:

Jamie Johnson (Kelsey Hartman) moved to go into a 25-minute Executive Session in order to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with Superintendent Meyer with no action to be taken. Motion Passed 5– 0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:00 PM
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:25 PM

Adjournment:

Superintendent evaluation will be held prior to the next Regular BOE Meeting October 9th, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Jamie Johnson (Billy Glenski) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. Motion passed 5 – 0.

APPROVED:

Amber Weeks, USD 417 Board Clerk

TinaRae Scott, President, BOE