

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
TAX RATE HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 21, 2013

Tax Rate Hearing

President Rick Holtman called the tax rate hearing to order at 7:04 p.m. The tax rate hearing notices were posted according to board policy. Superintendent Collins proposed that the tax rate be set at \$5.9673 with 5.3773 in Incidental (operating fund) and .59 in Debt Service (for the bond). Rick Holtman made a motion to set the tax rate as above. Steve Farnan seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0. The tax rate hearing was closed. Rick Holtman made a motion to adjourn the tax rate hearing. Rick Holtman seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

A quorum being present and due notice having been published according to Section 610.010 & 610.022 RSMo, the regular meeting of the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education was called to order by President Rick Holtman on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 7:08 p.m. in the library at the high school in Barnard, Missouri.

Members Present: Rick Holtman – President;– Macia Kemper - Vice President; Chris LaMaster – Member; Shawn Beck – Member; Steve Farnan – Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member; and Debbie Bennett – Member. Other School Personnel Present: Darbi Bauman, Elementary Principal; Shawn Emerson, High School Principal; Kyle Collins, Superintendent and Brandy Wolf, Board Secretary; Kathryn Rice, Nodaway News Leader; Dick Ross, Personal Representative; and Cameron Christensen and Renee Turpin, Teachers Representatives.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda and/or additions

Approval of Minutes (July 17, 2013 regular meeting and August 7, 2013 executive meeting)

Approval of Principal's and Superintendents Reports

Approval of re-adopting Board Member Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure-File BBFA

Approval of Bus Routes

Approval of 2012-2013 ASBR

Approval of Superintendent-Coordinator of Federal Programs; Elementary Principal-Coordinator of ELL; High School Principal-Migrant and Homeless Coordinator

Approval of 2012-2013 tuition rate-\$10,000 (explanation)

Approval of Anderson Erickson-Milk Bid

Approval of Warrant #2.

Statement from Board Member Chris LaMaster, "Let the record reflect that on this day August 21, 2013, that I, Chris LaMaster, Member of the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education, is currently employed by Reeves-Wiedeman Company, Inc. Let it also be known that I receive a salary from the a fore mentioned company and that South Nodaway R-IV school district has purchased supplies from the a fore mentioned company resulting in transactions of \$500 or more on the following dates: 5/21/13, 7/18/13, 7/22/13, 8/5/13, 8/6/13, 8/8/13, and 8/9/13. Let the record also reflect that I, Chris LaMaster, will abstain my vote on all warrants presented to the Board in which Reeves-Wiedeman Company Inc. is the payee."

Chris Lamaster made a motion to move the warrant out of the consent agenda to the regular agenda. Macia Kemper seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Chris LaMaster motioned and Rick Holtman seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Visitors, Delegations, Interviews

None at this time.

Teacher Representative Comments

Renee Turpin, High School Business Teacher, wanted to thank the board and community for all the support with the renovation. Mrs. Turpin took student Darrel Hawley to a state award for Diversity. She was one of the only students in the state to receive this award. In July, she took 4 students from FBLA to and FBLA state executive leadership conference where they learned how to properly run a meeting along with other things having to do with leadership in FBLA. The conference really showed the students how to take that leadership role.

Cameron Christensen, High School Social Studies, stated that she had a great DC trip and the kids were very good and excited and had a great time. Ms. Christensen is looking into doing another trip in 2015. Ms. Christensen would like to thank the school and Mr. Emerson for the new softball uniforms which look awesome. The team and community members have been getting the field ready for the first softball game.

Committee Reports

There were none at this time.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented in her written report to the board that enrollment for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade was at 76 students. There are ten students enrolled in Preschool and twelve students enrolled in the Three Year Old class. Mrs. Bauman states that we have had a smooth start in the new addition. She would like to thank all of the people that have worked very long hours for days on end in order to have the school ready for the students. Mrs. Bauman would also like to thank the PTO for providing the elementary school supplies again this year.

High School Principal Shawn Emerson stated in his written report that 7th through 12th grade enrollment is at 88 students. The Meet the Horns Night had a great turnout. Mr. Emerson would like to extend a congratulations to Scout Miller, 12th grade, for being selected to represent Missouri in the National FFA Band. South Nodaway will be hosting the Jamboree this Friday night. Other participating schools are DeKalb, North Andrew, and Union Star. Our Fall sports season kicks off on August 29th with our first softball game at King City. The football team takes the field on August 30 with a home game against Hardin Central.

Mrs. Bauman and Mr. Emerson are also proud to announce that once again our students did an excellent job on their achievement testing last spring. Our staff and students work very hard and it shows.

Superintendent Kyle Collins told members in his written report that it was a terrific job getting the building ready by the principals, teachers, staff, volunteers, and especially the maintenance/custodial summer staff and George Render, head of maintenance, and Craig Albright, head custodian. An incredible amount of work was done to totally transform the buildings and get them ready for school. Dr. Collins states there are still some punch list items left to complete on the new building, but Lee Grover has done a great job working with us and all of our sub-contractors to make sure the building was completed on time. The gym floor is complete. The floor was sanded down to bare wood, repainted, and refinished. Dr. Collins states our audit was completed in July. It went well, and we'll receive a final report sometime in December. This is the first year for MSIP 5 and we received an initial score of 137.5/140 points possible which Dr. Collins believes is among the highest scores in our Northwest Region which is typically the highest scoring region in the state. Dr. Collins is very proud of our administrators, teachers, and students on this terrific accomplishment. It's particularly exciting to note that our initial scores demonstrate that our math and science scores are already at the "Top 10 by 20" levels that Missouri's DESE is pursuing. That was also the case with our college and career readiness scores, our attendance, 4-year graduation rate, and 5-year graduation rate. After having the districts technology readiness and capability audited

during July, Dr. Collins decided that the state of the district's technology was not where we needed it to be and was not on track to be completed by the beginning of school. Brad Jones, IT professional, presented the school with a plan to improve our technology capabilities, and up-grade our technology infrastructure. We are working with Mr. Jones and, at this point, he is about 85%-90% complete with infrastructure upgrades and readiness. When infrastructure upgrades are completed he will continue to work with the district as a consultant to manage our technology, firewall, and internet accessibility. He will be employed on an hourly basis, as needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Construction/Renovation Update-Dick Ross:

Mr. Dick Ross stated that one of the last construction meetings was held this morning and we are finalizing everything. The school has one more pay application which will happen in September and then the contract will be closed. Final paperwork includes a one year warranty on everything. On the renovation side, we are primarily done with the exception of a few minor things left to be done. A new water softener/heater has been added to the basement for the existing building. Mr. Ross has now been looking into the locker rooms to see what all needs to be done on those to update them.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Holtman made a motion to approve Warrant #2. Shawn Beck seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0 with one member abstaining.

2012-2013 APR:

Dr. Collins pointed out that eight schools in the state had an equal score or better school and no schools in this area compared to our school with our MSIP 5 testing scores. Dr. Collins really wants to commend our teachers and administrators with a job well done. In regards to our math and science scores, we are already at our "Top 10 by 2020." The new MSIP testing will be based on 3 years of data. Dr. Collins received a call from our regional DESE contact, Larry Price, with a congratulations on how well we did on our testing scores. Chris LaMaster made a motion that the Board officially recognizes the pupils and the teachers on a job well done on MSIP 5 testing scores. Janet Hilsabeck seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

HB-253:

Discussion was held on House Bill 253.

The board took a break from 7:55 p.m. to 8:02 p.m.

2013-2014 Operating Budget:

Discussion was held in regards to the proposed budget. Dr. Collins showed the Board budgeted receipts and expenditures. Discussion was held on the Parents as Teachers program. The program is no longer funded by the state. The board would like the administration to look at what it would cost to fully fund the Parents as Teachers program. The board will bring those figures to the next board meeting. Dr. Collins gave the Board his Budget Message for 2013-2014. Rick Holtman made a motion to accept the proposed 2013-2014 budget. Chris LaMaster seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

Construction/Renovation Project Budget:

Dr. Collins told the board that there is one more pay application coming from Lee Grover Construction which will be paid in September. Once we pay this, the school district will have come in under budget for new construction.

Other Agenda Items

BOE Governance, Policy, and Training:

Member Chris LaMaster, discussed the Agenda policy BDDB. Discussion was held on how to get items on the agenda. The board suggested that Dr. Collins research the agenda policy to clarify if it needed updated to be up to date with our paperless board meetings. Chris LaMaster also brought to the board in regards to new training from DESE in regards to a new evaluation process in regards to the Superintendent evaluation. Discussion was held on MSBA's Board Self Evaluation and suggested that the board use this form to evaluate themselves.

Movement into Executive Session, In Conformity with Section RSMo 610.021 (13) for Individually Identifiable Employees-Superintendent.

Rick Holtman made a motion to go into executive session at 9:34 p.m. to discuss Individually Identifiable Employees-Superintendent Chris LaMaster seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster, yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes, Rick Holtman, yes; Macia Kemper, yes; and Janet Hilsabeck, yes.

Discussion was held on Individually Identifiable Employees.

Rick Holtman made a motion at 10:38p.m. to come out of executive session and return to open session. Shawn Beck seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Janet Hilsabeck, yes; and Macia Kemper, yes.

Adjournment

Rick Holtman made a motion to adjourn and Shawn Beck seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled to be September 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Approved by the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education.

President

Secretary