

Ballard R-II Schools

RR 1 Box 497 – Butler, MO 64730

PUBLIC TAX RATE HEARING – August 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tina Oerke, President

Present: Tina Oerke, Lawanda Engelhardt, Rusty Binder, Rusty Roach, Bob Kagarice

Absent: Richie Eidson, Kent Page

Admin: John Siebeneck, Superintendent; Jimmie Barton, Principal; Kerri Loyd, Secretary

Guests: Frank Inglis, Harry Nitchals

AGENDA was reviewed.

- Motion by Lawanda Engelhardt to approve the Tax Rate Hearing agenda as presented. Seconded by Bob Kagarice.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Absent	Richie Eidson: Absent
	Rusty Binder: Yes		

PROPOSED TAX RATE for 2013/2014 was reviewed. (attached) It is proposed to set the tax rate at the approved State Auditors ceiling, with no voluntary reduction for this fiscal year. Rates proposed are: Incidental Fund \$4.4097, Teachers Fund \$0.0000, Debt Service Fund \$0.7500, and Capital Projects \$0.0000, for a total Tax Levy of \$5.1597. Discussion period.

- After the scheduled tax rate hearing for the Ballard R-II School District, Bob Kagarice made the motion and Rusty Binder seconded the motion to approve the following resolution setting the school district's tax rate for the 2013 tax year. It is resolved that the Ballard R-II School District in consideration of the educational opportunities and expenses for the students, the maintenance and care of facilities, and operational needs of the school district will set the tax rate ceiling at \$5.1597, with \$4.4097 to the incidental fund and \$0.7500 to the debt service fund, the approved State Auditors rate, with no voluntary reduction for this fiscal year.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Absent	Richie Eidson: Absent
	Rusty Binder: Yes		

- Motion by Rusty Roach to adjourn the Public Tax Rate Hearing & Special Board of Education meeting at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Absent	Richie Eidson: Absent
	Rusty Binder: Yes		

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING –August 21, 2013, 7:05 p.m.

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Tina Oerke, President

Present: Tina Oerke, Lawanda Engelhardt, Rusty Binder, Bob Kagarice, Rusty Roach

Absent: Richie Eidson, Kent Page

Admin: John Siebeneck, Superintendent; Jimmie Barton, Principal; Kerri Loyd, Secretary

Guests: Frank Inglis, Harry Nitchals

AGENDA was reviewed. Noted that Spencer Kimberlin was scheduled to address the board in Open Communication, but Frank Inglis is present in his place.

- Motion by Lawanda Engelhardt to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Bob Kagarice.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Absent	Richie Eidson: Absent
	Rusty Binder: Yes		

MINUTES of the July 23, 2013, Regular Board of Education Meeting were reviewed. (attached)

- Motion by Rusty Binder to approve the July 23, 2013, Board of Education Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Absent	Richie Eidson: Absent
	Rusty Binder: Yes		

FINANCIAL REPORT was reviewed for July, as well as August bills to be paid. (attached)

- Motion by Lawanda Engelhardt to approve the July Financial Report. Seconded by Bob Kagarice.

Vote: Tina Oerke: Yes Rusty Roach: Yes Bob Kagarice: Yes
Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Kent Page: Absent Richie Eidson: Absent
Rusty Binder: Yes

- Motion by Rusty Binder to approve payment of August bills and payroll. Seconded by Rusty Roach.

Vote: Tina Oerke: Yes Rusty Roach: Yes Bob Kagarice: Yes
Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Kent Page: Absent Richie Eidson: Absent
Rusty Binder: Yes

❖ Richie Eidson arrived at 7:20 p.m.

❖ Kent Page arrived at 7:25 p.m.

OPEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Frank Inglis, representing Spencer Kimberlin, reviewed his proposed Eagle Scout Project to complete sidewalks on the north side of the school building. Mr. Inglis summarized the Eagle Scout Project process. He asked the board for specific guidelines for the project so Spencer can proceed with gathering cost and other information. Discussion. Board members with knowledge of concrete work were asked to work with Mr. Siebeneck to set specifications for the project.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reviewed bids received for repair of the school roof. (attached) Discussion.

- Motion by Bob Kagarice to accept the Land Roofing bid. Seconded by Rusty Binder.

Vote: Tina Oerke: Yes Rusty Roach: Yes Bob Kagarice: Yes
Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Kent Page: Yes Richie Eidson: Yes
Rusty Binder: Yes

- B. Discussed the Ag Grant for building of a greenhouse. It had been approved in February to allow Mr. Bridges to apply for this grant, and we've been notified that we are eligible to receive the funds. Discussed cost to the district for this project. The original grant would pay 75% of the actual structure and 50% of software needed, a total of \$41,735. This amount was reduced by \$6,260 due to a lack of available grant funds. If this grant is accepted, the school district would be responsible for the remaining cost of the structure and software, as well as plumbing supplies & labor, electrical supplies & labor and construction costs. It was also noted that there would be substantial upkeep cost. Consensus that this is not the time for this project due to the current financial situation, both locally and statewide.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reviewed Board Member Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure. (attached)

- Motion by Bob Kagarice to adopt the Board Member Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure. Seconded by Richie Eidson.

Vote: Tina Oerke: Yes Rusty Roach: Yes Bob Kagarice: Yes
Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Kent Page: Yes Richie Eidson: Yes
Rusty Binder: Yes

- B. Discussed MoreNet service and the need for upgrade. This upgrade would make EOC testing, as well as daily use, much more efficient. Would like to upgrade from 3MB to 6MB. Also discussed LogMeIn Central. This program allows computer tech support to service computers remotely, saving much time and travel cost. This would be paid for with REAP grant funds.

- Motion by Bob Kagarice to approve the MoreNet upgrade and LogMeIn Central program as requested. Seconded by Kent Page.

Vote: Tina Oerke: Yes Rusty Roach: Yes Bob Kagarice: Yes
Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Kent Page: Yes Richie Eidson: Yes
Rusty Binder: Yes

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- A. Current enrollment is at 146.

- B. Beginning year activities have gone well.

- C. Reviewed the new NEE teacher evaluation system.

- D. Reviewed district APR. Mr. Barton is pleased with our preliminary score of 90, but will still be looking for ways to improve.
- E. The PTO Back to School night was well attended. Meetings were held during this time to cover standards based grading, outlining the reasons for the change and the timeline for implementation. K-6 will all be reporting standards based assessments at the start of the 2014/2015 school year. Several teachers will begin the transition as the current year progresses, but all reports to parents and on PowerSchool will remain the same this year.
- F. Discussed ACT results from last year.
- G. Reviewed upcoming events, as well as the September calendar.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Reported on the beginning of school year. New staff members are fitting in well.
- B. Discussed House Bill 253. If the legislature overrides the Governor's veto on this bill, it could be devastating to school districts. Mr. Siebeneck visited with Randy Pike today regarding his feeling on the upcoming legislative session. Discussed sending a letter to Randy Pike, our local State Representative, asking for a NO vote on the HB253 override in September. Consensus to send this letter signed by the Board President.
- C. Discussed date for the September Regular Board of Education Meeting.
 - Motion by Rusty Binder to set the September Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Yes	Richie Eidson: Yes
	Rusty Binder: Yes		

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed session, including any record or vote, to the extent that it may relate to the following: 1. Legal actions, attorney work product or confidential discussions with legal counsel as provided in section 610.021, RSMo; 2. Student discipline matters or other confidential records relating to students protected from disclosure by laws as provided in section 610.021, RSMo; 3. Personnel matters when information concerning the performance or merit of employees is discussed or recorded as provided in section 610.021, RSMo; 4. Individually identifiable personnel records as provided in section 610.021, RSMo; 5. The lease, purchase, or sale of real estate as provided in section 610.021, RSMo.)

- Motion by Kent Page to enter Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Yes	Richie Eidson: Yes
	Rusty Binder: Yes		

Returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m. Decisions made in Executive Session are as follows:

- Motion by Kent Page to approve the July 23, 2013, Executive Session minutes. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt. (Richie Eidson did not vote, as he was not present at the July meeting.)

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Yes	Richie Eidson: Did not vote
	Rusty Binder: Yes		
- Motion by Rusty Binder to authorize Mr. Siebeneck to purchase three bus radios and a repeater. Seconded by Richie Eidson.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Yes	Richie Eidson: Yes
	Rusty Binder: Yes		
- Motion by Rusty Binder to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Yes	Richie Eidson: Yes
	Rusty Binder: Yes		

➤ Motion by Richie Eidson to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote:	Tina Oerke: Yes	Rusty Roach: Yes	Bob Kagarice: Yes
	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Kent Page: Yes	Richie Eidson: Yes
	Rusty Binder: Yes		