

Ballard R-II Schools

10247 NE State Rt. 18 – Butler, MO 64730

PUBLIC TAX RATE HEARING – August 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Tina Oerke, Jacque Porter, Brian Hill, Chris Rotert, Lawanda Engelhardt, Nathaniel Wainscott

Absent: Rusty Roach

Admin: John Siebeneck, Superintendent; Samie Hill, Principal; Kerri Loyd, Secretary

Guests: Joe Kinder, Linnae Hathcock

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA was reviewed.

- Motion by Jacque Porter to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote:	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Jacque Porter: Yes	Chris Rotert: Yes
	Brian Hill: Yes	Rusty Roach: Absent	Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
	Tina Oerke: Yes		

Reviewed the proposed tax rate for the 2015/2016 school year. Discussion. After publishing the proposed tax rate for the 2015/2016 school year, we received updated information from the State Auditor's office concerning State Assessed Utilities due to the new pipeline that crosses Bates County. Because of the expected increase in funds from State Assessed Utilities, our local tax rate will be lower than expected for this year. It is not yet known whether this level of reduction will continue in future years.

- Motion by Lawanda Engelhardt to set the 2015/2016 tax rate at the tax rate ceiling established by the State Auditor, which is expected to be \$4.1202 in the Incidental Fund and \$0.7500 in the Debt Service Fund, a total levy of \$4.8702. Seconded by Brian Hill.

Vote:	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Jacque Porter: Yes	Chris Rotert: Yes
	Brian Hill: Yes	Rusty Roach: Absent	Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
	Tina Oerke: Yes		

- Motion by Brian Hill to adjourn the Public Tax Rate Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote:	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Jacque Porter: Yes	Chris Rotert: Yes
	Brian Hill: Yes	Rusty Roach: Absent	Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
	Tina Oerke: Yes		

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING –August 18, 2015, 7:15 p.m.

Called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Tina Oerke, President

Present: Tina Oerke, Jacque Porter, Brian Hill, Chris Rotert, Lawanda Engelhardt, Nathaniel Wainscott

Absent: Rusty Roach

Admin: John Siebeneck, Superintendent; Samie Hill, Principal; Kerri Loyd, Secretary

Guests: Joe Kinder, Linnae Hathcock

AGENDA was reviewed. Noted the need for addition to Open Communications: Introduction of Teacher

- Motion by Jacque Porter to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote:	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Jacque Porter: Yes	Chris Rotert: Yes
	Brian Hill: Yes	Rusty Roach: Absent	Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
	Tina Oerke: Yes		

MINUTES of the July 13, 2015, Regular Board of Education Meeting were reviewed.

- Motion by Jacque Porter to approve the July 13, 2015, Board of Education Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Chris Rotert. (Lawanda Engelhardt did not vote, as she was not present at the July meeting.)

Vote:	Lawanda Engelhardt: Did not vote	Jacque Porter: Yes	Chris Rotert: Yes
	Brian Hill: Yes	Rusty Roach: Absent	Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
	Tina Oerke: Yes		

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

- Motion by Brian Hill to approve the July Financial Report. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt

Vote:	Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes	Jacque Porter: Yes	Chris Rotert: Yes
	Brian Hill: Yes	Rusty Roach: Absent	Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes

Tina Oerke: Yes

- Motion by Jacque Porter to approve payment of August bills and payroll. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
Tina Oerke: Yes

OPEN COMMUNICATION

A. Introduced Linnae Hathcock, Kindergarten teacher, to the board.

B. Joe Kinder of George K. Baum & Co. discussed the possibility of creating an escrow agreement for the purpose of early defeasance of a portion of the district's bond principal.

- Motion by Lawanda Engelhardt to approve creating a resolution to enter into an escrow agreement, in the amount of \$30,000, for early bond principal defeasance. Seconded by Chris Rotert

Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
Tina Oerke: Yes

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussed the Board Member Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure.

- Motion by Jacque Porter to approve and adopt the Board Member Conflict of Interest Financial Disclosure. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
Tina Oerke: Yes

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A. Reviewed recent activities

B. Reviewed the August and September calendars.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. General District Information

- The first day of school went very well.

B. We have been awarded a \$10,000 Monsanto Grant to be used in the Math department. Monsanto plans to be here during the volleyball game on September 10, 2015, to make this presentation.

C. Discussed the Special Education Compliance Plan, as provided by Mo. DESE.

- Motion by Jacque Porter to approve and adopt the Special Education Compliance Plan as presented. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.

Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
Tina Oerke: Yes

D. Discussed date for the September Board of Education Meeting.

- Motion by Lawanda Engelhardt to set the September Board of Education Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2015, starting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Brian Hill.

Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
Tina Oerke: 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 Lawanda Engelhardt to enter Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Brian Hill.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
 Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
 Tina Oerke: Yes

Returned to regular session at 8:15 p.m. Decisions made in Executive Session are as follows:

- Motion by Brian Hill to approve the July 13, 2015, Executive Session minutes. Seconded by Chris Rotert.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Did not vote Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
 Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
 Tina Oerke: Yes
- Motion by Chris Rotert to accept Nicole Bremer's resignation. Seconded by Brian Hill.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
 Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
 Tina Oerke: Yes
- Motion by Chris Rotert to approve offering a 2015/16 teaching contract to Linnae Hathcock. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
 Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
 Tina Oerke: Yes
- Motion by Jacque Porter to approve 2015/16 extra duty contracts as recommended. Seconded by Lawanda Engelhardt.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
 Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
 Tina Oerke: Yes
- Motion by Jacque Porter to approve hiring Joni Teagarden as part-time cook. Seconded by Chris Rotert.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
 Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
 Tina Oerke: Yes
- Motion by Brian Hill to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Nathaniel Wainscott.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
 Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
 Tina Oerke: Yes
- Motion by Lawanda Engelhardt to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Nathaniel Wainscott.
Vote: Lawanda Engelhardt: Yes Jacque Porter: Yes Chris Rotert: Yes
 Brian Hill: Yes Rusty Roach: Absent Nathaniel Wainscott: Yes
 Tina Oerke: Yes