

Special Meeting/Budget Workshop

Monday, August 28, 2023 7:00 PM

High School Media Center As advertised in the Enterprise/Pilot Tribune and on
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ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 4 visitors and 4 administrators present. The president noted the Open Meeting Laws

-Excused Absences: None, all were present.

-Roll Call: Mike Bonacci-Present, Josh Christensen-Present, Cassie Kelly-Present, Amanda Schrum-Present, Kelli Shaner-Present, Ted Welchert-Present.

-Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

-Board Committee Reports

Finance: Josh Christensen reported they reviewed the 2022-23 budget and discussed how to use the excess funds; received information and a document that will be discussed for the 2023-24 budget; and that the proposed levy will give back 2 cents on the Bond Fund.

American Civics: Kelli Shaner reported this committee discussed the same information as the Finance Committee.

-2022-23 and 2023-24 Budget Information: Mr. Green gave an overview of the 2022-23 budget highlighting items of importance in each category. 2022-23 Expenditures; Because of staff not hired and some paid by grants resulting in savings of about \$287,000, unanticipated HVAC repairs, vehicle repair on aging vans, student support, not contracting for ACT Prep, and board approval of new access controls in all buildings. 1 more visitor arrived. Receipts: Local revenue was short of budgeted, but State receipts were up. Federal receipts were up a little as were miscellaneous receipts. There was over \$97,800 in all generated that the district was not expecting. The excess amount left in the budget is \$538,386.00, but is different from the original filed by only about \$30,000 factoring in not being fully staffed and receiving more receipts than anticipated.

2023-24 Expenditures; Salary and benefits increased and are on target at 5.7% as noted on the handout, ALICAP our insurance increased, special education increased for services for 2 new students, operation and maintenance of plant increased, projections for areas overspent were increased, supplies increased as did textbooks, and equipment and dues/fees stayed the same. The increase in textbooks will facilitate putting more in S&D. The projected expenditures are at \$11.493M. The document needs to be submitted to the county on 9/1 so any questions or changes need to be made at this meeting. The bulk of the increase is salary and benefits. There is about \$400,000 in miscellaneous expenses. There were questions about S&D for textbooks/curriculum and vehicles.

Receipts: There were increases in the valuations of both our counties which amounted to about 15% combined. County and State receipts are fixed so are accurate on the document. Federal receipts include special education reimbursement going from about 46% to 80%, IDEA being set, but the Title monies are still unknown. Non revenue receipts were noted and the total this budget will generate is \$11.562M for 2023-24. We are expecting a little more revenue that we are spending. This is a first look to be submitted to the county, but don't want to make a lot of changes after that. Looking at the levy, the Bond Fund levy could be reduced and give back 2¢ and another 1/2¢ could be taken from the

QPC bond. Board consensus was to move forward and use the proposed budget as presented. They will further discuss the end of the year dollars to move.

-Dissemination of Excess Funds: Moved that the board of education direct the superintendent to disseminate excess funds in the amount of \$538,386.00 to Savings and Depreciation. This motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Shaner. Kelli Shaner suggested using some of this carryover to take a year off the elementary gym lease, with Amanda Schrum commenting to make only a ½ lease payment as the board still needs to look at putting aside for transportation and curriculum. Cassie Kelly concurred with half payment, as did Mike Bonacci citing the age of the vans and our bus replacement schedule. There are funds in the Building Fund to make a girls locker room in the Wrestling Building. They also discussed blinds for the elementary and gym refinishing. The board was told paying ahead was an option, but Mr. Green explained there is a process to follow to do it. It is built into the budget to make the payments. This would drop this expenditure in 26-27, earlier than anticipated. Mark Welsher asked to address the board regarding the previous levy override that was necessary to get out of debt. We did not have the money for our bus replacement schedule and had to contract with a company for our busing. Our board and administration served well and the district was out of debt within 4 years. He urged the board to look to the future and if you don't have to borrow, don't do it. Ted Welchert commented that valuations will not increase as much next year, and doesn't want the extra burden. Most of the monies will go toward areas of need and he is OK with the half payment. It was noted that activity travel is more miles than routes and those vehicles should be dependable. Mike Bonacci said with state aid still in the air and we could get less, he agrees to get ahead and pay off the gym putting the district in a safer spot. Shaner said speaking of the vans, mileage should be looked at for replacement. Christensen suggested making the ½ lease payment and the remainder of about \$300,000.00 to go to S&D to be split for transportation and curriculum and the shorter lease will free up funds for other areas. The board agreed that the amount to be put into S&D be reduced. Moved that the board of education direct the superintendent to disseminate excess funds in the amount of \$303,635.01 to Savings and Depreciation and the remaining amount of 234,750.81 be left in the General Fund for the lease payment on the elementary gym. This amended motion made by Christensen and seconded by Shaner Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

-Approval of Claims: Moved that the final 2022-23 Claims be approved in the amount of \$325,331.39 from the General Fund, \$27,092.00 from the Building Fund and \$44,145.48 from Savings and Depreciation. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. There will be numerous bills in September as we will pay for the materials that were ordered over the summer for the new year.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.