

**BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION, BUDGET WORK SESSION, TAX REQUEST HEARING, BUDGET HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, September 12, 2022, 6:45 p.m.**

The budget work session was called to order by President Roberts at 6:00 p.m. with members Benson, Merrell, Cumming, Reardon, and Cruise present. Also present was Stephen Osborn

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a budget hearing on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting was published in The Albion News & Boone County Tribune on September 7, 2022 and posted in the school's main office on September 7, 2022 along with the agenda for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. The budget details were available at the office of the Superintendent during regular business hours.

1. Opening Procedures:

- a. The budget hearing was called to order by President Roberts at 6:46 p.m. with members Benson, Merrell, Cumming, Reardon, and Cruise present. Also present were Stephen Osborn, Darren Luebbe, Emmah Benson, Ron Laska and Jacob Laska
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. President Roberts stated the hearing will follow the Open Meetings Act, which is located in the meeting room.
- d. Mr. Osborn presented the proposed budget to the board of education and patrons. The proposed budget sets the tax asking at \$3,040,835. The increase in general fund expenditures for increase in salaries, curriculum adoption, route vehicle acquisition, and cost to maintain the building.
- e. The budget hearing adjourned at 6:49 p.m. by executive order.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a special hearing on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting was published in The Albion News & Boone County Tribune on September 7, 2022 and posted in the school's main office on September 7, 2022 along with the agenda. The purpose of hearing is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

2. Opening Procedures:

- a. The special hearing was called to order by President Roberts at 6:50 p.m. with members Benson, Merrell, Cumming, Reardon, and Cruise present. Also in attendance were Stephen Osborn and Darren Luebbe, Emmah Benson, Ron Laska and Jacob Laska
- b. President Roberts stated the hearing will follow the Open Meetings Act, which is located in the meeting room.
- c. Mr. Osborn presented the information to the board on setting the final tax rate at \$0.682109 which is up 0.000513 from the previous year. This tax rate does not exceed the current budget limits set forth by the Department of Education of Nebraska.
- d. The special hearing adjourned at 6:51 p.m. by executive order

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, August September 12, 2022 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on September 7, 2022.

3. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:00 p.m. with members Benson, Merrell, Cumming, Reardon, and Cruise present. Also in attendance were Darren Luebbe, Steve Osborn, Emmah Benson, Ron Laska and Jacob Laska
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
President Roberts set the Regular October meeting on October 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

- a. Notice: The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate.
- b. It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cumming-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Benson-Yea:
Motion carried 6-0.

Visitor patron recognition – Ron Laska and Jacob Laska

Mr. Luebbe's Principal Report

The start of the school year has started off well. School pictures were taken on August 24. Re-takes are scheduled for Friday, September 16. Lindsay Tenski and I attended the MTSS Day 2 workshop in person on September 7, while Tonya Beekman and Kathy Cruise watched on Zoom.

The Marching Band went to the State Fair on August 31. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, September 22. There is an away varsity football game that day in Santee.

Recognition

Thank you Mrs. Texley and Vanessa Cummings for taking the band to the State Fair.

Mr. Osborn's Report

Mr. Osborn shared that much of his information to report will occur later in the meeting under Committee Reports and discussion and action items. We had our first fire drill and lock down drill for the 2022-2023 school year. I believe they went very well. We did announce the lock down drill to avoid any unnecessary confusion and concern with students and parents. Our next drills are planned for this month with the days TBD. Our plan is to invite our law enforcement agencies to a future lock down drill for their participation and evaluation of our process. Mr.

Osborn reported he is scheduled to attend a school law conference on September 21st and a labor relations conference on October 5th and 6th. A reminder that bus evacuation drill will be taking place as well.

Board Committee Reports

The Budget Committee met on 8-31-2022. Discussion regarding valuation, tax asking, LB 644 as it relates to tax asking increase limits. The limitations allowed us to increase our requests \$61,085 without have to go to a county hearing. There is decrease of 12% in the tax request for the Special Building Fund, but yet a 78% increase in the budget. This is due to a very slight decrease in the levy for that fund and deposits of insurance funds due to the June hail storm.

The Building and Grounds Committee met on 8-22-2022. Included a complete a walk-around our property and discussion on various items needing attention. A major portion of the meeting was spent on the insurance claim from the June storm. The hot water heater project we are still seeking bids for the project. Interior classroom door locks were discussed as far as safety is concerned, front entry doors and remodel project were discussed briefly. The gym air conditioning process is waiting on parts in order to complete the final electrical connections needed for operation.

The Policy Committee met on 8-14-2022. The committee met for discussion relating to Policy #4009 Drug Use and Abuse for personnel. The discussion included the wording in the policy, specifically Random Testing. If staff members transport students, it is a good idea to have them in a random testing program. Following the meeting, the policy was reviewed by the school attorney for recommendations.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. August 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes
- b. Financial Report.
- c. Bills and Claims payment for September 2022.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve items on the consent agenda.

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cumming-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Benson-Yea:

Motion carried 6-0.

6. Personnel issues/concerns

- i. Administration
- ii. Certified staff
- iii. Classified staff

b. Student issues/concerns

c. Other discussion items

7. Action Items

a. Discussion with action on the budget for 2022-23 school year.

It was moved by Merrell and seconded by Reardon to approve the Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cumming-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Benson-Yea:

Motion carried 6-0.

b. Discussion with action to amend Policy #4009 Drug use and Abuse. First and Second Reading

It was move by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to amend Policy #4009 Drug Use and Abuse relating to personnel.

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cumming-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Benson-Yea:

Motion carried 6-0.

c. Discussion with action to amend the 2022-2023 School Calendar

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to amend the calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cumming-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Benson-Yea:

Motion carried 6-0

d. Discuss with action, past deadline option enrollment request for St. Edward resident students to attend Boone Central Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve the option enrollment request

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cumming-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- No, Benson-Yea:

Motion carried 5-1

e. Discussion with action regarding the repair or sale of a vehicle.

It was moved by Roberts and there was no second. The motion dies for a lack of a second. The superintendent will advertise and sale the vehicle according to board policy

8. The meeting was Adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:30 p.m.