

Elba Public School Board
September 14, 2020
Budget Hearing

The Elba Public School Board of Education conducted a budget hearing on September 14, 2020 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Phonograph Herald on September 2 and September 9 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestion or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. The budget details were available at the office of the Superintendent during regular business hours.

The budget hearing was called to order by President Dvoracek at 8:00 p.m. Roll call of members present: Graves, Higgins, Rasmussen, Spilinek, Dvoracek. Others present included Superintendent Pritchard and members of the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. President Dvoracek stated that the hearing was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted in the room.

Motion by Spilinek, seconded by Higgins to excuse Kristina Radke from the board meeting. Yes – Spilinek, Rasmussen, Higgins, Graves, Dvoracek. No – 0. Motion carried 5 – 0. Radke arrived at the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Superintendent Pritchard presented the proposed budget to the board of education and patrons. The proposed budget sets the tax asking at \$1,565,657.00. The increase in general fund expenditures is for increase in salaries, curriculum adoption, and instructional materials. Ms. Pritchard also presented an amount to be taxed for the building fund in the amount of \$20,505.00. The asking for the building fund is to maintain the physical building and to begin saving for storage expansion. The total proposed budget sets the tax asking at \$1,586,162.00.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Spilinek to adjourn. Yes – Radke, Higgins, Rasmussen, Spilinek, Graves, Dvoracek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The budget hearing was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Robyn Rasmussen
Board Secretary

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Final Tax Request Hearing

The Elba Public School Board of Education conducted a special hearing on Monday, September 14 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Phonograph Herald on September 2 and September 9. The final tax request is also available in the Superintendent's office. The purpose of the 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.

The special hearing was called to order by President Dvoracek at 8:22 p.m. Roll call of members present: Radke, Higgins, Graves, Dvoracek, Spilinek, Rasmussen. Also, in attendance was Superintendent Pritchard and members of the public. President Dvoracek stated that the hearing was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted in the meeting room.

Superintendent Pritchard presented the information to the board on setting the final tax rate at \$0.961955, which is increased by \$0.025499 from the previous year. The amount of \$0.949519 is for the General Fund expenditures and \$0.012436 is for the building fund. The tax rate does not exceed the current budget limits set forth by the Department of Education of Nebraska.

Motion by Radke, seconded by Higgins to adjourn. Yes – Graves, Spilinek, Higgins, Radke, Rasmussen, Dvoracek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 -0.

The special hearing was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Robyn Rasmussen
Board Secretary

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Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:24 p.m. by President Robyn Dvoracek. President Dvoracek stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted in the room and Michael Higgins read the publication of the meeting. Roll call of members present: Robyn Dvoracek, Jenise Graves, Michael Higgins, Kristina Radke, Robyn Rasmussen, and Terry Spilinek. Other present included: Superintendent Allison Pritchard and members of the public.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Spilinek to approve the agenda as prepared. Yes – Dvoracek, Higgins, Rasmussen, Spilinek, Graves, Radke. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The board heard a Celebration of Excellence for the FFA Leader of the Month for June, Jesse Mills, and the Leader of the Month for July, Jacob Kosmicki. Also, the FFA Officers had retreat on August 15. They are excited for competitions and projects this school year. The Elementary teachers are celebrating being finished with MAPS testing for their students. Mrs. Koperski would like to celebrate Caleo Svoboda (5th Grade) for doing excellent work and conducting himself very well in the classroom. He is attentive, works quietly, and is very helpful.

Public comments were heard. The AD and Superintendent reports were given. Board committee reports were also given.

Motion by Spilinek, seconded by Radke to approve items on the consent agenda including Minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 10, 2020 and the Monthly Financial Report and Payment of the bills including payroll in the amount of \$227,367.58. Yes – Radke, Rasmussen, Spilinek, Graves, Dvoracek. No – 0. Abstain – Higgins. Motion carried 5 – 0

The Board received information on the Interlocal Agreement with Central Valley Schools, Preschool Transportation surveys, new Teacher and Superintendent Evaluation tools. A Policy Committee meeting date was set and Superintendent Pritchard notified the Board of some changes to the school calendar. Tree removal bids were unsealed and read. The Board also received information on a walk behind floor scrubber that will be ordered.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Radke to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Central Valley and Elba Public Schools for Spanish Class. Yes – Rasmussen, Spilinek, Graves, Higgins, Radke, Dvoracek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Spilinek, seconded by Radke to approve midday transportation for the preschool students. Yes – Higgins, Radke, Rasmussen, Spilinek, Graves, Dvoracek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Spilinek to approve the new teacher evaluation tool as presented for the 2020-2021 school year. Yes – Rasmussen, Radke, Higgins, Dvoracek, Graves, Spilinek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Radke, seconded by Spilinek to approve the new Superintendent evaluation tool as presented for the 2020-2021 school year. Yes – Rasmussen, Radke, Higgins, Dvoracek, Graves, Spilinek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Radke to approve the Beck's Tree Service bid to remove dead and damaged trees and trim overgrown trees and bushes. Yes – Dvoracek, Spilinek, Graves, Higgins, Radke, Rasmussen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Spilinek to approve the School District Budget for the 2020-2021 school year. Yes – Higgins, Radke, Rasmussen, Dvoracek, Graves, Spilinek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Spilinek to adjourn. Yes – Rasmussen, Spilinek, Graves, Higgins, Radke, Dvoracek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. The next regular meeting is October 12, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Robyn Rasmussen

Board Secretary