Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021

The Annual Meeting of the School District of Lodi was called to order by President H. Adam Steinberg at the Performing Arts Center located in the Lodi High School at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mr. Steinberg, Ms. Lathrop, Ms. McKiernan, Mrs. Beyer, Mrs. Haag and Mr. Wipperfurth

Also Present: Mr. Breunig, Mr. Richter, and Mr. Witte, District Legal Counsel

Meeting was duly noted by President Steinberg and the meeting was called to order. All Board members were introduced by Mr. Steinberg.

<u>Election of Chair</u>: Nomination of H. Adam Steinberg by William Wipperfurth/Allan Treinen to be Chair

No other nominations made

<u>Vote:</u> Motion carries by hand vote All ayes No nays

Ballot tellers: Nomination of Allan Treinen by Allan Treinen seconded by Vince Breunig Nomination of Paula Tonn by Paula Tonn seconded by Terry Haag

<u>Vote:</u> Motion carries by hand vote All ayes No nays

Attorney Doug Witte was the designated Parliamentarian.

The administration shared a presentation.

Mr. Breunig shared the district brought the community together to help create a strategic plan. A strategic plan was created determining 5 pillars by the community and approved by the board.

Ms. Fassbender shared the primary school staff are working on literacy efforts with their students. They started student of the day and restarted their STEAM program.

Mr. Pisani shared the elementary school and OSC are working on training staff with writing instruction. The staff is also participating in ongoing reading and writing training. They also have two staff members that are training in Responsive Classroom.

The Elementary and OSC received a new parking lot and playground area. They implemented movement hallways with their building.

OSC made instructional adjustments to keep kids safe during the pandemic and keep the spirit of OSC. They are participating in STEAM instruction and they have the Blue Devil Buddies mentor program with students from the high school

Ms. Schroeder shared the middle school has implemented a new schedule to add more math minutes and extra time to support student needs. They launched a social and emotional learning program from Satchel Pulse.

Mr. Jelinek shared they had 2 kohl scholarship awards last year, Derek Pertzborn and a student, Nick Prosek.

In 2020-21 the high school had:

- 8 AP Scholars
- 15 AP Scholars with Honor
- 8 AP Scholars with Distinction
- From 2015 to 2021 706 AP Students passed an AP exam

They have offered 10 years of distance education with Sa-nguan Ying School in Thailand

The students last week raised over \$2100 for Reach out Lodi and LACE during the Powder Puff fundraiser.

2019/2020 ACT Results

- Lodi Composite ACT Score: 22 compared to State Composite ACT Score: 19.8
- 2nd highest in the Capitol Conference

For 14 of the past15 years the Mock trial has been Regional Champs and advanced to State Tournament.

First ever WIAA State Championship in Boys Track and Field.

This school year they implemented an Esports program and Multicultural club.

Ms. McKiernan, Board Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. Ms. McKiernan reviewed the status of the funds.

Fund 10 closed \$688,685 surplus. Fund 21 is from gifts, donations and fundraising proceeds.

Fund 27, Special Education, this fund is required to end with a \$0 balance. Fund 30, Debt Service fund, currently is made up of the new Primary School, HS STEAM Lab and High School Stadium Redevelopment Project.

Fund 40 is finalizing the last expenses for the 2018 referendum projects along with funding capital projects incurred through the regular annual operating budget for facilities.

Fund 50 realized \$4,387 in revenues over expenses. 82% of the revenues were federal food service aid.

Fund 60 & 70 are fiduciary funds for student activity programs and school held scholarships. Per Wisconsin DPI all the Fund 60 monies were moved into Fund 21.

Fund 80 is composed mainly of the activities associated with the Lodi Community Pool and CREW program.

Mr. Richter, Business Manager, shared the 2020-21 unaudited Financial Report. He explained the different funds in the budget. He reviewed the budget cycle.

He reviewed budgetary considerations

- 1. Work toward aligning resources to the strategic planning initiative
- 2. Support the learning to the greatest extent possible
 - Staffing: salary, benefits, other compensation needs (75% of expenses = labor)
 - Curriculum/programs needs
 - Student/Staff Educational needs (devices, etc.)
 - Challenges (labor shortage, wage shortfalls, costly insurance)
- 3. Continue in person learning
 - Greatest learning possible in light of being in a pandemic
 - Mitigation strategies to protect students/staff
- 4. District Facility Maintenance needs
 - Facility planning/maintenance master plan
 - District green space planning

Mr. Richter explained where the revenue comes from and the expenses for the district.

Mr. Richter explained the ESSER funds and how they are being used. He also explained defeance and how this is helping to pay down the new Primary School faster.

Mr. Richter talked about the current referendum and the upcoming proposed referendum. He explained how the district would be affected with the passing of the referendum and what could be faced by the district if the referendum fails.

Mr. Richter shared the proposed tax levy mill rate to be 2021-22 proposed 11.11. The 2020-21 mill rate was 11.13.

Budget Hearing:

Resolutions

<u>Resolution A – Set Salary of School Board Members for the 2021-2022 School Year.</u> Resolution: Be it resolved that the members of the Board of Education be paid a salary for the 2021-22 school year as follows: President \$3,500; other members \$3,000

Introduced by: Lyle Hendrickson Second by: Paula Tonn Dated: October 18, 2021

Vote: Motion carries by hand vote

All ayes No nays

<u>Resolution B – To Authorize Reimbursement of Board Members' Expenses</u>. Resolution: Be it resolved that the members of Board of Education be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the 2021-2022 school year as per BOE Policy No. 142

Introduced by: Allan Treinen Second by: Julie McKiernan Dated October 18, 2021

<u>Vote:</u> Motion carries on show of hands All ayes No nays

<u>Resolution C – to delegate the Board of Education to set annual meeting date</u> Resolution: Be it resolved the Lodi School District Board of Education be delegated to set the date of the annual meeting (as per statute 121.08"1")

Introduced by: Judy Brownrigg Second by: Julie McKiernan Dated October 18, 2021

<u>Vote:</u> Motion carries on show of hands All ayes No nays

Resolution D – to Adopt 2020-21 Tax Levy	
Non-referendum Debt Service Levy	\$ 17,476.00
Irrepealable Debt Service Levy	\$ 5,416,594.00
Capital Project Funds	\$ 50,000.00
General Fund Levy	\$ 10,296,727.00
Community Service Fund Levy	<u>\$ 325,000.00</u>
Total Local Levy	\$ 16,205,797.00

Resolution: I move for the adoption of a total tax levy of \$16,205,797 of which \$10,296,727 is the General Fund Levy, \$50,000 is the Capital Projects Fund Levy, \$5,416,594 Referendum Debt Service Levy, \$117,476 is the Non-Referendum Debt Service Levy, and \$325,000 is the Community Service Fund Levy.

Introduced by: Patty Hermann Second by: Allan Treinen Dated October 18, 2021

<u>Vote:</u> Motion carries on voice vote All ayes No nays

New Business: None

Motion Allan Treinen/ Scott Peterson to Adjourn

<u>Vote</u>: Motion carries on voice vote All ayes No nays

<u>Time: 8:08 pm</u>