

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

TAX RATE HEARING and Open Session	Conference Center	7:00 p.m.	September 27, 2016
Kind of Meeting	Location	Time	Date

Members

Present

Dan Brouillet
Melissa Nehrt
Keith Rabenberg
Kerry Trostel
Johanna Winfield
Mark Womer

Absent

Joe Hembree

TAX RATE HEARING

Each September, Boards of Education throughout Missouri are required to set the tax rate for the coming school year. Superintendents work with the State Auditor and County Assessor to get the information they need to set the new tax rate, John Stewart, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the proposed tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year.

David Faulkner, Superintendent, recommended that the rates for each category of property for FY17 be:

- Residential: \$4.6756 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- Commercial: \$5.3708 per \$100
- Personal Property: \$4.4458 per \$100
- Total Blended Rate: \$4.9013
 - Incidental Fund: \$4.3052
 - Teachers' Fund: \$0.00
 - Debt Service: \$0.35
 - Capital Projects: \$0.2461

The residential rate is flat. The commercial and personal property rates are down slightly and are at their respective ceilings.

Call to Order

Board President, Keith Rabenberg, called the open meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Alex Tripamer led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Communications

Mr. Rabenberg asked if there were any citizens' comments. There was no response.

Roll Call

The Board members were present or absent as stated above.

Attendance

Also in attendance was Superintendent David Faulkner.

ACTION 31
Approval of Consent
Agenda

The motion was made by Mark Womer and seconded by Dan Brouillet to approve the consent agenda which included:

- September 27, 2016 Agenda
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2016 and Policy Meeting of September 6, 2016
- Expenditures for August 2016 in the amount of \$1,079,459.66
- Transfer \$0.00 for August from General to Teachers' Fund
- Financial Reports from CFO: 1608 Balance Report; 1608 Revenue & Expenditure Statement; 1608 Bank & Cash Reconciliation; 1608 Activity Report; 1608 Budget Report; 160927 Invoice Report.

The motion passed by a 6-0 voice vote.

ACTION 32
Setting of the Tax Rates for
FY17

Mr. Faulkner recommended approval of the tax rates for FY17. The FY17 Budget approved in June 2016 requires tax revenue of \$13,220,000. Proposed tax rates would generate \$14,118,000. The district's approximate five-year average for actual collections is 94%, which can achieve the budgeted amount.

The motion was made by Mr. Womer and seconded by Mr. Brouillet to approve the tax rates for FY17. The motion passed by a 6-0 voice vote.

Presentation
Standard and Poor's Bond
Rating Report

Mr. Faulkner said that prior to passing Proposition K, the district's S&P rating had dropped by 2 levels due to the financial situation. The S&P bond rating has now been upgraded by two levels from A+ ("upper medium grade") to AA ("high grade"). The rating means the district is in a more favorable position for rates for bonds.

ACTION 33
Approval of Bond
Refunding

Work for the existing bond refunding has been completed. The motion was made by Mr. Womer and seconded by Mr. Brouillet to approve the bond refunding. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Update
District Facilities Planning
Workshops

Mr. Faulkner reported on the first four facilities planning workshops held during the month of September. Thirty-two parents participated. Most of the responses indicated a value of the experience over the actual buildings and facilities. The meetings generated ideas and some changes that might be most appealing to the community. The next round of meetings will be held in October and November. Facilities tours will take place before the planning sessions. Brentwood residents will be invited to attend. Invitations will be placed in the Brentwood Pulse and the 40 South News. Vicki Rees and Dr. Tripamer meet with teachers on a regular basis. Questions and answers from the teachers and administrators regarding facilities will be reviewed over the winter months. Information gathered at all of the meetings will be pulled together in November and December. Goals will be to reconcile the "wants," the "haves," and what the district can afford.

Update
Clean Water Report

Mr. Faulkner said the water flow through drinking fountains and kitchen sinks was tested by the St. Louis County Health Department in September 2016. Results indicated no detectable levels of lead

from any of the sources.

Update
McGrath Elementary
Driveway

Mr. Faulkner said the district followed city review and approval procedures for the proposed project. There was no opposition until after the project was approved. Due to weather conditions, October is the latest that asphalt can be laid, so if the Board does not approve the project at this meeting, it would be summer 2017 before the project could proceed. Mr. Rabenberg asked if the project could be reviewed again in the spring after the facilities planning study has been completed. Melissa Nehrt asked if the Board could use the time to look for a smaller, less expensive solution. The motion was made by Mr. Womer and seconded by Kerry Trostel to table the McGrath Elementary Driveway project until Spring 2017. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

ACTION 34
Approve District
Assessment Calendar

Dr. Alex Tripamer, Director of Instruction and Student Support, presented an overview of the assessments. The Assessment Committee has been convened to consider new assignments for next year. All kindergartners take the DIAL 5. Kindergartners and second graders take the WISC-V. This will be the last year for DEA, which is being discontinued by the publisher. A replacement is being sought. The ACT is scheduled for April 19, 2017.

Ms. Nehrt asked for clarification on which tests are taken by entire grade levels and which are taken by a few students. There was a question about the dates for MAP testing and whether the schedule affects the test results, depending on what may or may not have been covered in class in advance of the test.

The motion was made by Mr. Womer and seconded by Mr. Brouillet to approve the assessment calendar. The motion passed by a 6-0 voice vote.

ACTION 35
Intent to Participate in
PEGS for 2017-2018

Mr. Faulkner said that Brentwood has participated in the Program for Exceptionally Gifted Students for many years. Students must score 140 on WISC to qualify. The district pays tuition and parents must provide transportation. Students are still considered to be Brentwood students.

The motion was made by Mr. Womer and seconded by Mr. Brouillet to participate in PEGS for 2017-2018. The motion passed by a 6-0 voice vote.

ACTION 36
Approve Items to Surplus

Mr. Faulkner recommended the list of printers and the list of warehouse items be declared as surplus per Policy DN-2. Ms. Trostel asked if the printers could be donated or sold to other districts. The motion was made by Mr. Womer and seconded by Mr. Brouillet to declare the items on the two lists as surplus. The motion passed by a 6-0 voice vote.

SSD Liaison Report

Ms. Trostel reported that topics discussed at the September meeting included Brentwood and SSD "by the numbers;" the establishment of a new parent advisory council; and positive behavior interventions and supports. Systematic training was conducted in

year one. The program is adapted to work for Brentwood, although the district is not eligible for related awards.

MSBA Delegate Report

Mr. Rabenberg reported that the MSBA/MASA Conference will be held this weekend.

Future Meetings and Events

MSBA/MASA Annual Conference
September 29-October 2, 2016

Board Policy Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Community District Facilities Planning Workshops
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 (time and location TBD)
Thursday, November 3, 2016 (time and location TBD)
Monday, November 7, 2016 (time and location TBD)

Old Business/New Business

Mr. Rabenberg asked if there was any old business. There was no reply.

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Citizens' Comments
(10 minutes)

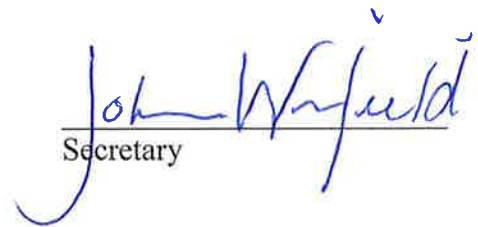
Mr. Rabenberg asked if there were any citizens' comments.

Mr. Bill Otto made a brief presentation. He is running for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District. He lived at the boys' home and attended BHS from 1971-1973, when he aged out of the system at 17. The board would not allow him to continue at Brentwood because he was no longer a resident. He was able to obtain his GED. He cited the teachers at BHS who were helpful in keeping him moving forward.

ACTION 37
Adjournment 8:25 p.m.

The motion was made by Mr. Womer and seconded by Mr. Brouillet to adjourn and reconvene in closed session. The motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.


President


Secretary