

The Annual Meeting of the Columbus School District was called to order at 8:03 P.M. at the City Council chambers on Monday, September 25, 2017 by President Cindy Damm. Members present were Cindy Damm, Joe Conlin, Julia Hoffman, Bill Braun, and Mike O'Brien. Annette Deuman, Superintendent, Janel DeZarn, Business Administrator, Loren Glasbrenner, Middle School Principal, Jake Ekern, High School Principal, Brandon Tewalt, Student Services Director, Becky Schmidt, Director of Curriculum/Instruction, Troy Marshall, Facilities Manager, and Pam Zander, Board Secretary, were also present.

Sara Sample moved, seconded by Joe Conlin, that Julie Hajewski be elected Chairperson. Bill Braun moved, Mike O'Brien seconded, that ballot be closed. Motion by Bill Braun, seconded by Julia Hoffman to cast a unanimous ballot for Julie Hajewski to be elected Chairperson. Julie Hajewski was named chairperson for the meeting.

It was moved by Loren Glasbrenner, seconded by Julia Hoffman, that the minutes of the October 24, 2016 Annual Meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

District Report

Superintendent Annette Deuman shared the District Report – a visual presentation - with those in attendance. The combined effort included the state of the District and Budget report. Superintendent Deuman's report also included information on enrollment (head count), free/reduced (economically disadvantaged), minority enrollment, staff information, student achievement.

Set Salaries of School Board Members for 2017-2018

Discussion was held. It was moved by Joe Conlin, seconded by Sara Sample, that the School Board stipends remain the same at \$2,000 annually for board members and \$2,400 for Board President. Discussion was held. The motion carried unanimously.

Authorize Payment

Authorize payment of expense incurred by Board during the 2016-2017 school year for travel outside of district. (\$1,254.29). It was moved by Pam Zander, and seconded by Loren Glasbrenner, to approve the payment of expenses incurred. Discussion was held. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget

Janel DeZarn, Business Administrator, presented her portion of the District report. Background information was given. Property values increased in some of the municipalities this year within the Columbus School District. Discussion was held and questions were asked by district residents regarding the proposed budget and tax levy. (Copy of presentation on file.)

Adoption of the tax levy.

The final information from the State will be provided to the District around October 15th. The Board will adopt the final budget and set the levy at the October 23rd board meeting. Henry St. Maurice moved to adopt the proposed, preliminary tax levy. Seconded by Paul Rubert. Motion carried.

Authorize School Board to Set Date for Annual Meeting 2018.

It was moved by Jerry Andler, seconded by Loren Glasbrenner, to authorize the School Board to set the annual meeting date for 2018. Discussion was held. The motion carried.

Other New Business.

None.

The school board will be meeting at the second meeting in October to approve the budget and levy.

It was moved by Joe Conlin, seconded by Julia Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Damm
Board President

Mary Arnold
Clerk

Those in attendance:

- Annette Deuman
- Becky Schmidt
- Bill Braun
- Brandon Tewart*
- Chet Bembenek*
- Cindy Damm
- Editor C Journal – Kevin Damask (Portage)*
- Henry St. Maurice
- Jake Ekern
- Janel DeZarn*
- Jerry Andler
- Jesse Vieau
- Joe Conlin
- Julia Hoffman
- Julie Hajewski
- Keegan Shaw *
- Kenan Goyetti (WBEV)*
- Loren Glasbrenner
- Mike O'Brien
- Pam Zander
- Paul Rubert
- Paula Steiner
- Sara Sample
- Stacy Swanberg-Thom
- Troy Marshall