

Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the School District of Lodi was called to order by President Heather Baron at the LGI room located in the Lodi High School at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mrs. Baron, Mr. Steinberg, Ms. Lathrop, Ms. Raemisch, Mrs. Haag and Mr. Bilse, Mrs. McMorris

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

Meeting was duly noted by President Baron and the meeting was called to order. All Board members and administrators introduced themselves.

Election of Chair:

Nomination of Heather Baron by H. Adam Steinberg to be Chair

No other nominations made

Vote: unanimous vote

Ballot tellers:

Nomination of Julie McKiernan by Terry Haag

Nomination of Terry Esser by Sarah Raemisch

Vote: Motion carries by voice vote

All ayes

No nays

Attorney Doug Witte was the designated Parliamentarian.

Mr. Bilse, Board Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. Mr. Bilse reviewed the status of the funds and explained each fund.

Mr. Richter, Business Manager, presented on the 2023-2024 budget. He explained the budget cycle for school districts. There are three budget cycles running at the same time.

He gave an overview of the history of the enrollment of Lodi School District and the referendum history. He reviewed how the referendum money is being allocated and the status of some of the projects already started or completed.

Mr. Richter gave an oversight of how the district used and will be using the ESSER funds they received.

He reviewed the different funds and revenues. He gave a summary of the state budget and school levy tax credits. As a summary:

- Increase Revenue Limit: \$1,310,000
  - Offset by State Budget
    - State Aid increase: \$1,003,000
    - School Tax Levy Credit increase (estimated): \$625,000

- Decrease in Mill Rate: 1.1 Mills
- Property value outpaces the state by 2.0%
- Projected minimal tax payer impact

**Resolutions**

Resolution A – Set Salary of School Board Members for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the members of the Board of Education be paid a salary for the 2023-24 school year as follows: President \$4,000; other members \$3,500

Introduced by: Sarah Keyeski  
 Second by: Julie McKiernan  
 Dated: October 23, 2023

Vote: Motion carries on voice vote  
 All ayes (15)  
 No nays

Resolution B – To Authorize Reimbursement of Board Members’ Expenses.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the members of Board of Education be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the 2023-2024 school year as per BOE Policy No. 164.

Introduced by: Tim Escher  
 Second by: Ellen Knuteson-Keller  
 Dated October 23, 2023

Vote: Motion carries on voice vote  
 All ayes (20)  
 No nays

Resolution C – to delegate the Board of Education to set annual meeting date

Resolution: Be it resolved the School District of Lodi Board of Education be delegated to set the date of the annual meeting (as per statute 121.08”1”)

Introduced by: Matt McMorris  
 Second by: Terry Haag  
 Dated October 23, 2023

Vote: Motion carries on voice vote  
 All ayes (22)  
 No nays

Resolution D – to Adopt 2022-23 Tax Levy

Non-referendum Debt Levy	\$ 64,378.00
Irrepealable Debt Service Levy	\$ 1,150,687.00
Capital Project Funds	\$ 1,780,000.00
General Fund Levy	\$ 13,780,000.00
Community Service Fund Levy	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>
Total Local Levy	\$ 17,075,889.00

Resolution: I move for the adoption of a total tax levy of \$17,075,889 of which \$13,780,824 is the General Fund Levy, \$1,780,000 is the Capital Projects Fund Levy, \$1,150,687 Referendum Debt Service Levy, \$64,378 is the Non-Referendum Debt Service Levy, and \$300,000 is the Community Service Fund Levy.

Introduced by: Heather Baron

Second by: Scott Bilse

Dated October 23, 2023

Vote: Motion carries on voice vote

All ayes (22)

No nays

Motion to Adjourn

Introduced by: H. Adam Steinberg

Second by: Scott Bilse

Vote: Motion carries on voice vote

All ayes

No nays

Time: 8:04 pm