

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Budget Workshop
Cunningham's
August 24th, 2016 7:00 pm

President Todd Watson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

President Todd Watson welcomed the visitors and announced that the Arapahoe Board of Education follows the rules of the Open Meetings Act which is posted.

The following members were present: Todd Watson, Dan Warner, Rod Whipple, Dennis Roskop and Lisa Anderson.

The following member(s) were absent: Kelly Breinig.

Also present was Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent, Bob Braithwait, Principal and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Guest(s) included Doug Schutz, Steve Hilker and Craig Hilker.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Warner to excuse Kelly Breinig from the meeting. AYES: Warner, Whipple, Roskop, Anderson and Watson. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Anderson to amend the meeting time printed on the agenda from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. as was advertised in the newspaper. AYES: Whipple, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Whipple to approve the amended agenda. AYES: Roskop, Anderson, Watson, Warner and Whipple. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Roskop and seconded by Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which included claims totaling \$34,999.95 and amendments to the 2016-2017 Extra Duty Schedule. AYES: Anderson, Watson, Warner, Whipple and Roskop. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The visitors expressed their concerns to the board about the impact the tax request has to their operations, code compliance and the maintenance / upkeep of the current facilities. While they do not in any way want to see our school close, they do expect the board to request only the monies they need to operate efficiently and compliantly, nothing more. The board appreciated the visitors sharing their concerns and explained that the only way for the District to obtain monies for operations and maintenance, etc. is through taxation and given that we are in a rural community the board understands that the burden does primarily fall on the agricultural community. Griffith went on to present various documents to the board related to the 2016-2017 budget along with three options: Option 1 included a general fund tax request amount of \$3,233,546.56 or a \$0.618937 levy and a building fund tax request amount of \$202,020.20 or a \$0.038669 levy, thus resulting in a total tax request amount of \$3,435,566.76 or a \$0.657606. Option 2 included a general fund tax request amount of \$3,233,546.56 or a \$0.618937 levy and a building fund tax request amount of \$505,050.50 or a \$0.096672 levy, thus resulting in a total tax request amount of \$3,738,597.06 or a \$0.715609. Option 3 included a general fund tax request amount of \$3,233,546.56 or a \$0.618937 levy and a building fund tax request amount of \$707,070.70 or a \$0.135341 levy, thus resulting in a total tax request amount of \$3,940,617.26 or a \$0.754278. With the valuations for 2016-2017 now available, Proposition A would result in an addition to the levy of \$0.1396, Proposition B would result in an addition to the levy of \$0.0275, Proposition A and B would result in an addition to the levy of \$0.1671. After much discussion, the board is planning to recommend Option 1 at the Budget Hearing and Tax Request meetings. They also discussed the possibility of amending the budget based upon the outcome of the special bond election.

Griffith informed the board of the State Education Conference in La Vista, November 16-18, the Labor Relations Conference in Lincoln, September 7-8 and the School Law Forum in Kearney, September 15. Any board members that are interested are to notify him as soon as possible to get registered.

Special Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 31st, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium.
Budget Hearing and Budget Summary, Monday, September 12th, 2016 at 7:40 p.m.
Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request, Monday, September 12th, 2016 at 7:50 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 12th, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Whipple to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. AYES: Watson, Warner, Whipple, Roskop and Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Cassie Hilker

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary