

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School  
Board of Education – Special Meeting (Budget Tax Request Hearing)  
School Library  
September 11, 2017 6:45 pm

President Dennis Roskop called the hearing to order at 7:10 pm.

Roskop stated that the purpose of tonight's hearing is to discuss, consider and receive input on the 2017-2018 school district tax request.

President Dennis Roskop announced that the Arapahoe Board of Education follows the rules of the Open Meetings Act which is posted.

The following members were present: Dan Warner, Chad Carpenter, Rod Whipple, Dennis Roskop, Brad Schutz, and Lisa Anderson.

The following member(s) were absent: None.

Also present was Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent, Bob Braithwait, Principal, and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Visitors were present.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Whipple to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, Anderson, and Warner. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Roskop opened the hearing up for discussion. Todd Watson stated that he thinks \$300,000 is too low in the cash reserve. It either needs to be higher in the general fund request or in the cash reserve in order to protect the integrity of the school. He doesn't think it is good business to take it down that low. He thinks that the people Schutz is talking about that are asking for tax relief and rightly so, but a lot of it is disgruntled because of the bond passing last year. They have been in here putting pressure on the board and the board has not been getting support from people who don't think their taxes are out of line. They are all too high, but that is the system we are dealing with. He went on to point out that our district is and has been one of the cheapest tax rates in this county and area where valuations are similar in a piece of property from this district to that district. We are far and away the cheapest district in the area and he doesn't know that it is necessary to slash it to keep it the cheapest. The schools in our area are asking for far more money and he hopes people are going to those district's meetings to complain about their taxes being too high.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary