

Arapahoe Public School
Board of Education – Special Tax Request Hearing
School Library
September 20th, 2016 8:10 am

President Todd Watson called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

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.

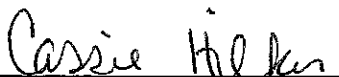
Also present was Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Guest(s) included Eldon Reese, Marv Briegel, Dan Gardner, Brett Gardner, Gene Glanzer, Lucetta Andrews, Brad Schutz, Tim Carlson, JF Hoffman, Jeff Otto, Randall Hambidge, Mary Ellen Long, Roger Long, Derek Walbridge, Drew tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dean tenBensel, Troy tenBensel, Jim Huxoll, Tom Andrews, Dennis Gardner, Doug Schutz, Craig Hilker, Steve Hilker, Gary Metzger, Erv Walbridge, Norma Cross, Bud DeVries, Kristine Deisley, Jeff Carlson, Bobbi Juhl, Joe Helms, Bob Braithwait, Terry Haussler, Doyle Weinland, Steve Schutz, Brian Hambidge, Gale Wolfe and Tammie Middagh.

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

Griffith presented the proposed 2016-2017 Tax Request of \$3,161,129.80 or a levy of \$0.605076 for the general fund, \$879,532.31 or a levy of \$0.168352 for the bond fund and \$202,020.20 or a levy of \$0.038669 for the building fund, resulting in a total request of \$4,242,682.31 or a levy of \$0.812097. Last year's tax request was \$3,743,891.88 or a levy of \$0.750626 for the general fund and \$202,020.20 or a levy of \$0.040498 for the building fund, resulting in a total request of \$3,945,912.08 or a levy of \$0.791124. Valuations went from \$498,836,053 to \$522,435,350, up 4.5%. The total tax request went from \$3,945,912.08 to \$4,242,682.31, up 7.52%.

The visitors asked for considerations to be made to reduce the tax request for the 2016-2017 year. Griffith and the board explained that the budget and tax request can be changed at the special meeting following this meeting. They also explained that half of the first interest payment will be due in June 2017 and the remaining interest and principal will be due in December 2017. The board discussed eliminating the special building fund request or possibly reducing the general fund or bond fund request.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Whipple to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. AYES: Whipple, Roskop, Anderson, Watson and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.


Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary