

**BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING, SPECIAL HEARING,
AND REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Library – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, September 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a budget hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting was published in The St. Edward Advance on September 10, 2020 and posted in the school's main office on September 4, 2020 along with the agenda for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. The budget details were available at the office of the Superintendent during regular business hours.

1. Opening Procedures:

- a. The budget hearing was called to order by President Roberts at 7:00 p.m. with members Benson, Werts, Cumming, and Merrell present. Also in attendance were Darren Luebbe, Chris Condreay, and Justin Frederick (via zoom).
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. President Roberts stated the hearing will follow the Open Meetings Act, which is located in the meeting room.
- d. Excuse board members that are absent.
Motion made by Cumming seconded by Roberts to excuse Cruise from the board meeting.
Roll call vote: Werts-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Benson-Yea, Merrell-Yea, Cumming-Yea: Motion carried 5-0.
- e. Mr. Frederick presented the proposed budget to the board of education and patrons. The proposed budget sets the tax asking at \$2,878,788.00. The increase in general fund expenditures for increase in salaries, curriculum adoption, and cost to maintain the building.
- f. The budget hearing adjourned at 7:03 p.m. by executive order.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a special hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting was published in The St. Edward Advance on September 10, 2020 and posted in the school's main office on September 4, 2020 along with the agenda. The purpose of hearing is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

2. Opening Procedures:

- a. The special hearing was called to order by President Roberts at 7:04 p.m. with members Benson, Werts, Cumming, and Merrell present. Also in attendance were Darren Luebbe, Chris Condreay, and Justin Frederick (via zoom)..
- b. President Roberts stated the hearing will follow the Open Meetings Act, which is located in the meeting room.
- c. Excuse board members that are absent.
Motion made by Roberts seconded by Werts to excuse Cruise from the board meeting.
Roll call vote: Werts-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Benson-Yea, Merrell-Yea, Cumming-Yea: Motion carried 5-0.
- d. Mr. Frederick presented the information to the board on setting the final tax rate at \$0.661010, which is up 0.112659 from the previous year. This tax rate does not exceed the current budget limits set forth by the Department of Education of Nebraska.
- e. The special hearing adjourned at 7:16 p.m. by executive order

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting was published in The St. Edward Advance on September 10, 2020 and posted in the school's main office on September 4, 2020 along with the agenda.

1. Opening Procedures:

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:17 p.m. with members Benson, Merrell, Roberts, and Werts were present. Also in attendance were Darren Luebbe, Chris Condreay, and Justin Frederick (via zoom).
- b. Excuse board members that are absent.
Motion made by Roberts seconded by Merrell to excuse Cruise from the board meeting.
Roll call vote: Werts-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Benson-Yea, Merrell-Yea, Cumming-Yea: Motion carried 5-0.
- c. President Roberts stated that the meeting will follow the Open Meetings Act, which is located in the meeting room.

- d. President Roberts set the next regular board meeting time to be at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2020.
 2. Approval of the Agenda:
 - a. Notice: The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate.
 - b. It was moved by Werts and seconded by Roberts to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll call vote: Merrell-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Benson-Yea, Werts-Yea, Cumming-Yea: Motion carried 5-0.
 3. Visitor patron recognition – Speaker request:
 4. Reports:
 - Mr. Luebke's Report:
 1. The start of the school year has started pretty well. With all of the changes and everything else that is going on, our students and staff have made necessary changes to the way we handle day to day operation.
 2. I talked with the students on the first day of school about expectations and being a positive influence on others.
 3. Education Quest came to talk with senior students and parents on August 25th. If any seniors or parents missed the meeting and would like information, please contact Kathy Cruise at the school.
 4. All Varsity fall sports teams have started their seasons.
 5. I'm still having Zoom meetings with ESU and other principals monthly.
 6. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for September 17th.
 - Mr. Frederick's Report:
 1. NASB State Conference is in Omaha on November 18-20. Registration isn't open yet, but this year they are offering in person (500 limit) or virtually.
 2. St. Edward is eligible for free lunches for all students starting on October 1-Dec 31. Students will all automatically qualify, so no paperwork necessary for individual families.
 3. I would like to start negotiations after fall break.
 4. The houses have been delayed by Environmental Services, but hoping Bygland can get moving on them this week.
 5. Covid-19 update.
- Recognition: Thanks to Nebraska Community Foundation and Boone County Foundation for second generous donation of over \$6,000 to aid in closing the achievement gap to provide devices during the pandemic.
- d. Committee Reports:
 - Budget Committee met on September 1 to discuss the budget for 20-21 school year.
 5. Consent Agenda:
 - a. It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve the consent agenda.
 - August regular meeting minutes
 - Financial Report
 - Bills and Claims for September 2020.
 Roll call vote: Benson-Yea, Werts-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cumming-Yea, Merrell-Yea: Motion carried 5-0.
 6. Discussion Items:
 - a. Personnel
 1. Administration
 2. Certified Staff
 3. Classified Staff
 - b. Students
 - c. Other discussion items
 7. Action Items:
 - a. It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve the School District Budget for the 2020-21 school year.
Roll call vote: Roberts-Yea, Cumming-Yea, Merrell-Yea, Benson-Yea, Werts-Yea: Motion carried 5-0.
 - b. It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Werts to approve assistant cook hire as recommended by administration.
Roll call vote: Cumming-Yea, Merrell-Yea, Benson-Yea, Werts-Yea, Roberts-Yea: Motion carried 5-0.
 8. Adjournment:
 - a. Adjournment by executive authority at 8:29 p.m.