

D. C. EVEREST AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
6300 Alderson Street, Schofield, Wisconsin 54476

Budget Hearing/
59th Annual Meeting

July 28, 2008

7 p.m.

MINUTES

Budget Hearing

Call to Order - Roll Call:

Board President Larry Schaefer called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Jason Jablonski, Rita A. Kasten, Valerie A. Palarski, Larry A. Schaefer, Andrew E. Sutton and Gretchen S. Thuot. Member Mary A. Hancock was absent. Also present were Superintendent Kristine Gilmore, Assistant Superintendent, Business/Personnel Services Thomas Owens, Attorney Chris Toner, Parliamentarian, Ruder Ware, and approximately 80 citizens of the district.

Pledge to the Flag:

Those present joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announce the Purpose of the Budget Hearing: State Statute, Sec. 65.90(4):

Clerk Rita Kasten, in accordance with State Statute 65.90(4), announced the budget hearing would be held prior to the annual meeting for the purpose of informing the citizens of the proposed budget for the 2008-09 school year.

Opening Remarks –Larry A. Schaefer, President:

Schaefer welcomed and thanked those present for coming. He explained the process of the Budget Hearing and the Annual Meeting.

Preliminary Remarks - Finance Committee:

In the absence of Finance Committee Chair Mary Hancock, Schaefer then explained the budget setting process that continues throughout the year. He then introduced Superintendent Gilmore.

Review the Proposed 2008-09 Budget

Dr. Gilmore said the district is grateful for the time, commitment and money taxpayers give for the district's children. She said the board, administration and staff set high expectations for the district and the results of the community's support and employees work is reflected in the test scores of Everest's students. She referred to the annual report and the many successes reported. She thanked the board for their work and then introduced Thomas Owens, Assistant Superintendent, Business/Personnel Services.

Dr. Owens reviewed the budget and the levy, explaining the purposes of the various funds. He also reviewed revenues and expenditures. He explained the key components of the Wisconsin revenue limit: Enrollment (3rd Friday in September), the district's equalized value (October 1), and the state's general aid (October 15). Tax rate history is that the district has been lower than \$10 per thousand since 1995-96.

The 2007-08 proposed budget amounts to **\$75,994,054**. The preliminary levy of \$21,698,805 is an increase of 12.63% and the equalized value growth estimate for 2008-09 is 4.80%. The levy rate is \$9.96, an increase of \$.69 per thousand and a 7.44% change.

Following the review, Schaefer opened the meeting to questions and comments. The following citizens had questions and/or comments concerning the budget and levy rate: Jeff Berkley, 6804 Riverbend Road, Ringle; Linda Kamke, 2144 Greenwood, Rothschild; Mike Murphy, 9837 Siberian Drive, Weston; Carl Meinhardt, 5203 Cathy Drive, Weston; Bill Udulutch, 1859 Kimberly Road, Kronenwetter; Loretta Check, 1919 Forsythe Road, Kronenwetter; Michael Alt, 2311 Summit Ave, Rothschild; Martha Merrill, 5803 Pine Terrace, Schofield; Debbie Espeland, 8404 Leeds Court, Weston; John Jacobs, 8704 Windsor Dr., Weston; Mark Kluck, 8250 Duncan Road, Hatley; Clark Hubbard, 6601 Peninsula Lane, Ringle; Gloria Fenhaus, 1303 South 102nd Street, Town of Wausau; Randy Marquardt, R11083 River Road, Ringle; Eileen Hubbard, 6601 Peninsula Lane, Ringle.

Adjourn the Budget Hearing:

There being no further questions, President Schaefer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

59th Annual Meeting:Call to order:

The 59th Annual Meeting was called to order by President Schaefer immediately following the Budget Hearing at 8:41 p.m.

Board members present were: Jason Jablonski, Rita A. Kasten, Valerie A. Palarski, Larry A. Schaefer, Andrew E. Sutton and Gretchen S. Thuot. Member absent was Mary Hancock. Also present were Superintendent Kristine Gilmore, Assistant Superintendent, Business/Personnel Services Thomas Owens, Attorney Ronald Rutlin, Parliamentarian, Ruder Ware, and 76 citizens.

Reading of Official Notice:

Board Clerk Rita Kasten read the official notice of the meeting, which had been published in accordance with state statutes.

Robert's Rules of Order:

President Schaefer announced that "Robert's Rules of Order" would be followed and Chris Toner, Ruder Ware, was present as parliamentarian.

Elect Temporary Meeting Chairperson:

Michael Alt, 2311 Summit Avenue, nominated Larry Schaefer as temporary chairperson. There were no other nominations. Mr. Schaefer was elected by voice vote.

Reading of the Minutes of the 58th Annual Meeting:

Motion by Lois Alt, 2311 Summit Avenue, second by Michael Alt, 2311 Summit Avenue to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 58th Annual Meeting and approve by voice vote. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report for 2007-08:

Schaefer introduced the treasurer's report. Motion by Herb Schulz, 6809 Lora Lee, second by Kris Weirauch, 5917 Morning View, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Old Business

There was no old business carried forward from last year.

Regular Business:

A. Provide for Free Textbooks for 2008-09

Motion by Patricia Les Strang, R20550 Thumper Drive, second by Kathy Heller, 8501 Windsor Drive, to provide free textbooks for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried with a voice vote.

B. Set School Board Salaries for 2008-09

Motion by Lois Alt, second by Thomas Rosenberg, 6315 Alta Verde Street, to set the school board members' salaries for 2008-09 at \$1,700. With a voice vote, motion carried.

C. Provide for Reimbursement of School Board expenses as per Policy #8230-Remuneration and Reimbursement

Motion by Thomas Rosenberg, second by Herb Schulz, to provide reimbursement of school board members' expenses for 2008-09 as per board policy #8230. With a voice vote, motion carried.

D. Set 2008-09 Tax Levy

Motion by Michael Alt, second by Thomas Rosenberg, to set the 2008-09 tax levy of \$21,698,805 as recommended by the School Board. With a show of hands, vote was 45 yes, 25 no. Motion carried.

E. Authorize Sale of Property Not Needed by the School District

The Chairperson clarified that "property" refers to District property such as desks and/or chairs and obsolete textbooks and not to real estate. Motion by Thomas Rosenberg, second by Casey Nye, R9301

Wesenick St., to authorize the sale of property not needed by the district. With a show of hands, motion carried.

F. Set Time of the 2009 Annual Meeting

Motion by Don Abel, 5007 Alderson Street, second by Trudy DeSimons, R8604 Duncan Road, to authorize the school board to set the time and date of the 2009 meeting pursuant to state statute 120.08(1)(a). With a show of hands, motion carried. .

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Adjournment:

President Schaefer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rita A. Kasten, Clerk

Elizabeth M. Schultz, Secretary to the Board

Please note: These are not the official minutes of the Board of Education until approved at the August 26, 2008, board meeting.