

USD 377 BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING: 7:00 PM
REGULAR SESSION 7:30 PM
AUGUST 13, 2007
CENTRAL OFFICE, EFFINGHAM

The Board of Education of Unified School District #377 met at 7:00 pm on August 13, 2007, at the Central Office, Effingham, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed budgets for 2007-08. Board members present: Steve Caplinger, Todd Gigstad, Cindy Ladd, Leonard Lange, Jeff Martin, Michael Postma.

Administrators present: Steve Wiseman, Mark Preut, Kevin Peters, Terry Slattery.

Visitors: Emily Randall, Globe.

Steve Caplinger called the budget hearing to order at 7:00 pm. Supt. Wiseman reviewed proposed budgets as follows:

General Fund \$5,683,138 with a mill levy of 20 mills Supplemental General \$1,168,750 with an estimated mill levy of 16.279; Capital Outlay \$500,000, Driver Training \$13,500, Food Service \$460,000, Professional Development \$27,500, Summer School \$17,500, Special Education \$1,210,000, Vocational Education \$195,000, Gifts & Grants \$25,000, KPERS Special Retirement \$283,529, 4 Yr Old At-Risk \$39,366, K-12 At-Risk \$301,369, Gifts & Grants \$25,000 and Federal Funds \$156,630.

The General Fund 2007 tax to be levied is \$645,335. The Supplemental General Fund tax to be levied is \$589,396. The Budget Profile and Budget-at-a-Glance booklets were available at the hearing. Wiseman reviewed the Budget Profile. The budget hearing concluded at 7:22 pm.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Education of USD #377 met in regular session at 7:30 pm on August 13, 2007, at the Central Office, Effingham. Board members present: Steve Caplinger, Todd Gigstad, Cindy Ladd, Leonard Lange, Tom Lee, Jeff Martin, Michael Postma.

Administrators present: Steve Wiseman, Mark Preut, Kevin Peters, Terry Slattery, Tom Hinrichs.

Visitors: Emily Randall, Globe; Bridget Lee.

Caplinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1) Approval of Agendas

Motion by Gigstad, seconded by Ladd, to adopt the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

(The consent agenda included approval of the minutes of the July Regular and Special meetings, bills & claims in the amount of \$268,462.53, activity and petty cash reports, the Treasurer's report dated 7-31-07, approval of applications for 19 out-of-district students, the acceptance of a gift of \$9,210.67 from Mosaic, funded through a grant from the United States Department of Education. The grant is to be used for professional development activities managed and coordinated by Clayton Lucas. The consent agenda included approval of a contract with the City of Lancaster for use of the city building for PE classes for the 2007-08 school year at \$375 per month. The list of substitutes for teaching staff, secretaries & aides, custodians, bus drivers and food service was approved. The Personnel report included acceptance of release from teaching contract for Norma Wilson, approval of extending contracts to Kim Myers and Russell Eckert as regular route bus drivers, to Jan Oswald as Effingham Food Service helper & classroom aide and supplement contracts for Justin Sloop, HS Asst Basketball, Nate Smith, HS Asst Basketball, HS Head Softball, Joyce Thompson, MS Head Girls' Track, Cy Wallisch, Junior Class Sponsor, Ashlee Noll, MS Asst VB, Jenna Hawk MS Asst Basketball, Megan Greenwood, HS Assistant Softball.)

2) Approval of 2007-2008 Budget

Motion by Postma, seconded by Martin, to adopt the budgets as presented for 2007-08. Motion passed 5-2. (Lange, Lee Opposed.)

3) Hearing of Audience: None

4) Commendations/Letters of Appreciation

Wiseman listed a number of employees whom he plans to present letters of appreciation to at one of the Leadership meetings.

5) Special Ed Report

Todd Gigstad related that NEKESC had their first board retreat with 18-20 present. Larry Mears gave a presentation and goals were discussed. Gigstad was elected president of the NEKESC board this coming year. The board will have a meeting this Wednesday night.

6) Leadership Reports

The three building principals discussed their building scheduling. Preut informed the board the new cafeteria tables are to arrive on Monday, the chairs are in and the bleacher replacement has been finished.

Hinrichs discussed VPL training for teachers on August 15, state and federal program allocations.

Wiseman gave preliminary enrollment figures for all buildings, complimented the custodial staff for work completed over the summer, updated the board on

technology, facilities & maintenance, transportation and food service. Wiseman presented samples of Board Self Evaluation forms in the board packet and asked board members to look the documents over prior to the September meeting. Wiseman discussed the early pay period plan for new teachers of \$800 for those who request it. Wiseman related he is in the process of putting together information to present facts on the bond issue. Town hall meetings will be set up and there will be a booth at the fair. Railroad ties were donated by Marlatt construction for Project Fit at Effingham Elementary. The date for the kickoff is set for October 18 at 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Consider Approval of Gas & Diesel Bids

Bids were received from Jackson Farmers, .0325 over dealer cost, Consumer Oil, .045 diesel delivered to Lancaster & Cummings, .05 diesel, gasoline & ethanol delivered to Effingham over dealer cost.

Motion by Gigstad to approve Jackson Farmers low bid of .0325 over dealer cost for Diesel and Gas for 2007-08. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 7-0.

2) Consider Approval of District Cell Phone Stipend for Selected Staff

Wiseman informed the board the IRS has taken the position that Code Section 274 applies to local governments and that some of the surrounding schools are paying stipends for cell phones rather than providing them to employees. The district is currently receiving e-rate money for district cell phones. Action on this item will be postponed to the next meeting following discussion with district auditors.

3) Consider Approval of Board Meeting Public Presentations Policy.

Wiseman recommended the following language as Hearing of the Audience rules be added to policy BCBI: Presentations shall not exceed 5 minutes; Subjects, other than policy issues, will generally be referred to the administration; Comments shall be limited to issues and not refer to personalities; Presentations must be in good taste befitting the occasion and the dignity of the board meeting. When addressing the board, please be reminded that matters of a personal nature which, by their nature, identify an individual are prohibited by federal law in public discussion. Please assist us in protecting the privacy rights of students and staff.

Motion by Ladd, seconded by Gigstad, to amend policy BCBI to add the recommended language. Motion passed 5-2 (Lange, Lee opposed.)

NEW BUSINESS

1) Consider Approval of Resolution for the Destruction of Records.

A resolution was presented requesting to destroy Central Office requisition

forms for the years 1998-1999 through 2001-2002.

Motion by Martin to adopt the resolution to destroy Central Office Requisition forms for the years 1998-99 through 2001-2002. Motion seconded by Lange. Motion passed 7-0.

2) Consider Approval of milk price recommendation

Wiseman recommended due to the increase in milk prices that the cost of a carton of milk be raised from .25 to .30 cents.

Motion by Martin to approve for the 2007-08 school year the increase to .30 for a carton of milk. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 7-0.

3) Executive Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation

An executive session was not necessary.

4) Select Place for September Meeting

Motion by Ladd to hold the September meeting at the Central Office. Motion seconded by Postma. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Postma, seconded by Ladd, to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

Ruth J. Dillon, Board Clerk