

MINUTES  
TAX REQUEST HEARING  
September 14, 2020  
7:20 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the following members were present: Betsy Frerichs, Carol Pralle, Dave Zimmerman, Emily Shockley, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrator was presents: Christopher Prosocki.

Reasonable advance publicized notice of the meeting was given according to law by publishing, a designated method for giving notice of the school district. Reasonable advance notice was simultaneously given to board members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda attached. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I.A. Roll Call

I.B. Notice of Nebraska Open Meetings Act Posted

President Dave Zimmerman announced that a complete copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the back of the board of education meeting room.

I.C. Hear Support, Opposition, Criticism, Suggestions, or Observations Related to the Proposed Southern Public Schools 2020-2021 Tax Request

Dr. Prosocki gave an overview of the proposed 2020-2021 property tax request and tax rate. Dr. Prosocki recommended the General Fund levy be set at 1.04, the Special Building Fund levy be set at 0.01, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund be set at 0.03. He recommended the overall levy be set at 1.08. Based on these recommended mill levies, the General Fund tax request will generate \$3,952,324, the Special Building Fund tax request will generate \$38,003, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund tax request will generate \$114,009. The overall proposed tax request will generate \$4,104,336. Based these proposed figures, the overall mill levy will stay the same from the previous year and tax request will go down by \$38,163 from the previous year. Dr. Prosocki noted that this is the fourth year in the row that the district tax request has gone down and he stated that Southern may be the only district in the state of Nebraska that has dropped their tax request the past four years. Lastly, Dr. Prosocki gave the board a breakdown of the tax request over the past five years, a breakdown of the mill levy request over the past four years, and Pioneer Conference cost per pupil comparison for the 2018-2019 school year by Average Daily Membership.

Year	Building Fund	QCPUF	Bond Fund	General Fund	Total
2016-2017	\$ 38,990	\$ 20,202	\$ 161,616	\$ 4,254,734	\$ 4,475,542
2017-2018		\$ 20,202	\$ 161,616	\$ 4,188,625	\$ 4,370,443
2018-2019		\$ 120,131		\$ 4,204,610	\$ 4,324,741

<b>2019-2020</b>	\$ 38,356	\$ 115,069		\$ 3,989,074	\$ 4,142,499
<b>2020-2021</b>	\$ 38,003	\$ 114,009		\$ 3,952,324	\$ 4,104,336

<b>District</b>	<b>Rank (244 Districts Total)</b>	<b>Per Pupil Spending (ADM)</b>
<b>Johnson-Brock</b>	35	\$12,784
<b>Sterling</b>	112	\$17,153
<b>Southern</b>	116	\$17,269
<b>Pawnee City</b>	133	\$18,062
<b>Tri County</b>	142	\$18,642
<b>Diller-Odell</b>	144	\$18,683
<b>Friend</b>	162	\$19,402
<b>Lewiston</b>	195	\$21,555
<b>HTRS</b>	228	\$25,637
<b>FCSH</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>NCL</b>	N/A	N/A

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Total Mill Levy</b>	<b>Home Value</b>	<b>Taxes Paid (Per Month)</b>	<b>Taxes Paid (Per Year)</b>
<b>2017</b>	1.095093	\$100,000	\$91.25	\$1,095
		\$200,000	\$182.50	\$2,190
		\$300,000	\$273.75	\$3,285
<b>2018</b>	1.080000	\$100,000	\$90.00	\$1,080
		\$200,000	\$180.00	\$2,160
		\$300,000	\$270.00	\$3,240
<b>2019</b>	1.080000	\$100,000	\$90.00	\$1,080
		\$200,000	\$180.00	\$2,160
		\$300,000	\$270.00	\$3,240
<b>2020</b>	1.080000	\$100,000	\$90.00	\$1,080
		\$200,000	\$180.00	\$2,160
		\$300,000	\$270.00	\$3,240

**I.D. Motion to Close the Tax Request Hearing**

Motion to close the tax request hearing. This motion, made by Jim Zvolanek and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

Angela Meyer: Absent, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Carol Pralle: yes, Emily Shockley: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

## II. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. This motion, made by Emily Shockley and seconded by Jim Zvolanek, passed.

Angela Meyer: Absent, Betsy Frerichs: yes, Carol Pralle: yes, Emily Shockley: yes, David Zimmerman: yes, Jim Zvolanek: yes  
yes: 5, no: 0, Absent: 1

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., September 14, 2020, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium in Wymore. The Board of Education will usually adhere to the sequence of the published agenda, but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to amend the agenda as deemed necessary.

BY  
President of the Board of Education  
Of this School District

ATTEST  
Secretary of the Board of Education  
of this School District