

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 12, 2022
7:15 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Dave Zimmerman called the hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. and the following members were present: Aaron Whitwer, Angela Meyer, Betsy Frerichs, Dana Dorn, Dave Zimmerman, and Jim Zvolanek. The following administrator was present: 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. Posted Location:

- Fairbury Journal-News

Posted Date: 8/31/2022

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 Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Prosocki gave an overview of the proposed 2022-2023 budget. The 2022-2023 budget continues to invest in meeting the needs of our district with growing student needs. The General Fund budget of expenditures shown on the Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary (Public Notice) is greatly inflated to allow the district to expend "unused budget authority" for future years, and does not accurately reflect actual anticipated expenditures. The district over-estimates the budget of expenditures of all active funds so we don't have to amend them later in the year due to unanticipated costs (Activities Fund, Depreciation Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, General Fund, School Nutrition Fund, Special Building Fund, & Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund). The Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary (Public Notice) is very deceiving to the public and the only actual figures are Actual Disbursements & Transfers (Column 1) and Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (Column 7).

For the 2022-2023 school year, the district gained \$128,547 in valuation revenue and the district gained \$142,107 in state aid revenue. These numbers do not account for the increased costs to run a school district over the years (Utility increases, salary and benefit increases, insurance increases, inflation, etc.). The overall personnel cost will be down by \$25,903.02. He noted that this figure does not include purchased services through ESU 5 for special education services that

are mandated by state and federal law and these services will be up by \$10,737.

Dr. Prosocki noted the valuation in Gage County was \$399,748,194 and the valuation in Pawnee County was \$1,442,600. The district's overall valuation was \$401,190,794 and Southern saw a 3.05% increase or \$11,902,255 increase between Gage and Pawnee Counties from the prior year. Dr. Prosocki noted that 85% of the district expenditures are in personnel costs and the other 15% of expenditures are fixed costs that cannot change.

Tax Year	Gage County Valuation	% Change (Prior Year)	Pawnee County Valuation	% Change (Prior Year)	Overall Valuation	% Change (Prior Year)	\$ Change (Prior Year)
2018	\$399,062,663	0.003%	\$1,376,365	(4.84%)	\$400,439,028	0.003%	\$1,345,781
2019	\$382,188,694	(4.41%)	\$1,376,110	(.001%)	\$383,564,804	(4.39%)	(\$16,874,224)
2020	\$378,656,597	(0.93%)	\$1,374,630	(0.10%)	\$380,031,227	(0.92%)	(\$3,533,577)
2021	\$387,897,024	2.44%	\$1,391,515	1.23%	\$389,288,539	2.43%	\$9,257,312
2022	\$399,748,194	3.05%	\$1,442,600	3.67%	\$401,190,794	3.05%	\$11,902,255

II. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. This motion, made by Dana Dorn and seconded by Betsy Frerichs, passed.

yes: 6, no: 0

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., September 12, 2022, at Southern Jr./Sr. High School Board Room 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