

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, 2016

At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, September 6, 2016 the Board of Education called to order their Special Meeting in the District Board Room.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Present: Mr. Tom Harke, Mr. Steve Garvey, Mr. Gary Schumacher, Mr. Al Tiedt, Mr. Kevin VerVoort and Mr. Kevin Schuh.

**EXCUSED:** Mr. George VanWychen

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Order of business may be altered and items may be added by a majority vote of the members*  
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Tiedt. Motion carried.

**III. OPEN FLOOR PERIOD:** None

**IV. PRESENTATION:**

A. Review of 2015-2016 Final Budget – Maggie Gagnon, District Business Manager:  
Reviewed General 10 Fund and 50 Fund Budgets.

**V. ACTION ITEMS:**

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of 2016-2017 proposed District Budget and Motion to Approve:

Reviewed September Freedom Flyer to be sent out.

Motion to approve the proposed District Budget as presented was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

2. Recommendation of proposed Tax Levy to be approved at the Annual Budget Meeting on September 26, 2016:  
Mrs. Gagnon presented the proposed tax levy of \$6,837,544 along with the District Mill Rate of \$8.62 per \$1,000, which is a \$.08 per thousand decrease from 2015-2016.

Motion to approve the proposed tax levy of \$6,837,544 along with the District Mill Rate of \$8.62 per \$1,000 to be approved at the Annual Budget Meeting on September 26, 2016 was made by Mr. Schuh with a second by Mr. Garvey. Motion carried.

3. Personnel: Retirements: None  
Resignations: None  
Hirings:

Mrs. Heidi Zick – Gifted & Talented Teacher and English Language Learner Support Teacher:  
Motion to approve Mrs. Heidi Zick as Gifted & Talented Teacher and English Language Learner Support Teacher was made by Mr. Schumacher with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

Mrs. Marny Clark - FMS Special Education Instructional Aide:

Motion to approve Mrs. Marny Clark as FMS Special Education Instructional Aide was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Schumacher. Motion carried.

4. Other Business: None

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Update on 2016-2017 Student Enrollments: Mr. Kilstofte gave an update of school enrollment for the District at this time.

2. District Maintenance Updates: Discussion was held on the weight room/cardio room air quality along with the wrestling room repairs. An update was given on the painting over the murals.

3. Commercial Filming on Football Field: Mr. Kilstofte talked about the process that took place in the taping of a commercial on the Freedom District Football Fields. For the use of the field the District received \$5,000, with \$2,500 for the football team and \$2,500 to the District.

4. Facilities Needs Assessment Update: Mr. Kilstofte updated the Board on where we are at with the facilities needs assessment. Somerville Architects/Engineers talked with all the Administration, doing surveys with the Freedom staff along with meeting with staff. Input collection from students will take place in the near future.

VII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT KNOWN OR REASONABLY ANTICIPATED: None

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN at 7:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Tiedt with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

\*This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation at the meeting during "open floor period" as indicated in the agenda. *Upon request to the District Administrator submitted 24 hours in advance, the district shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Tiedt, Clerk