

Freedom Area School District
Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 25, 2017

At 6:00 p.m. on Monday evening, September 25, 2017 the Board of Education called to order their Annual Meeting in the High School Lecture Hall.

1. Call to Order by President of the School Board - Mr. Tom Harke. Total attendance was 10 plus Administrative Staff and Board of Education.
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Remarks & Introductions - Mr. Harke
Mr. Harke introduced the school board members, administrative staff and presented the annual booklet.
Present: Mr. Tom Harke, Mr. Steve Garvey, Mr. Kevin Schuh, Mr. Kevin VerVoort, and Mr. Al Tiedt
Excused: Mr. George VanWychen, Mr. Gary Schumacher and Student Representatives.
3. Motion to elect Mr. Harke as Chairperson was made by Mr. Garvey with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.
Mr. Harke appointed Mrs. Beverly Moeller to take the official minutes of the meeting.
4. Motion to approve the Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing minutes of September 26, 2016 was made by Mr. Schuh with a second by Mr. Tiedt. Motion carried.
5. Presentation and adoption of the Treasurer's Report for the 2016-2017 school year by Mr. Garvey, Treasurer: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Summary for the 2016-2017 school year as presented was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Tiedt. Motion carried.
6. Old Business: None.
7. New Business: Resolutions
 - A. Motion to have salaries remain the same for the Board of Education for 2017-2018 and to authorize payment of their expenses was made by Mr. Bob VanEperen with a second by Mrs. Beverly Schuh. Motion carried.
 - B. Motion to authorize the Board to furnish textbooks at the fees the Board designated was made by Mrs. Beverly Schuh with a second by Mr. Bob VanEperen. Motion carried.
 - C. Motion to authorize the Board to furnish school lunches at the fees the Board designated was made by Mr. Ron Joten with a second by Mr. Glen Kortz. Motion carried.
 - D. Motion to authorize the Board to designate a place of Depository was made by Mr. Marvin Fox with a second by Mr. Glen Kortz. Motion carried.
 - E. Motion to authorize the Board to obtain legal counsel for the school district as necessary was made by Mr. Ron Joten with a second by Mr. Bob VanEperen. Motion carried.
 - F. Motion to authorize the Board to dispose of surplus property was made by Mrs. Beverly Schuh with a second by Mr. Glen Kortz. Motion carried.
 - G. Motion to provide transportation services for students as designated was made by Mr. Marvin Fox with a second by Mr. Bob VanEperen. Motion carried.
8. School District Budget Review for 2017-2018 school year - Mrs. Maggie Gagnon
Mrs. Gagnon presented the 2017-2018 Freedom Area School District budget. A proposed tax levy of \$5,984,171 was presented for 2017-2018 (\$5,390,171 General Fund, \$338,000 Debt Service Fund, \$241,000 Non-Referendum Debt and \$15,000 Community Service). The mill rate is derived from dividing the Tax Levy by the Equalized Valuation. For 2017-2018 that calculation would be \$5,984,171 divided by \$809,445,643 to equal .00739 which is the rate per \$1,000 of equalized valuation. A property with a valuation of \$100,000 would pay on their tax bill for school purposes \$739.00 ($\$7.39 \times 100 = \739.00). The mill rate for 2017-2018 would drop the tax levy by \$1.07 per thousand from 2016-2017. If the November 2017 Referendum is passed, the School Board would meet and the tax levy would possibly change to an amount not greater than the 2016-2017 rate of \$8.46. We are below the state average of \$9.97.
 - H. Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Tax Levy as presented was made by Mr. Jerry Schuh with a second by Mr. Ron Joten. Motion carried.
9. Other New Business:
 - A. Motion to authorize the School Board to set the time and date for the 2018 Annual Meeting was made by Mrs. Beverly Schuh with a second by Mr. Glen Kortz. Motion carried.
10. Motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. was made by Mr. VerVoort with a second by Mr. Schuh. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Tiedt, Clerk