



# JUNE 2021

**ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #5R  
Regular Board Meeting**

*Minutes*

**Monday, June 21, 2021 @ 6:00  
Pioneer Hall**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** CHAIRPERSON: [6] Delbert Gehrke 2022 X  
[1] Brandy McCarty 2021 EX [2] Emily Spike 2022 X [3] Lloyd Ferge 2022 X  
[4] Heather Madison 2021 X [5] Jennifer Cox 2021 X [7] ^Robert Rose 2021 X

**STAFF PRESENT:** Raymon Smith X Mandy Palmateer X Keith Holman X Denyce Kelly X  
Aaron Gosiak NA

^ Vice - Chair

**WELCOME GUESTS:** Present Guest: Guests please sign in.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 15 minutes for community testimony.

**REPORTS:** **FACULTY REPORT:** **IMESD TALKING POINTS:** Handout

**FLAG SALUTE**

1. DELBERT OPENED THE BUDGET HEARING AT 6:05

2. DENYCE/RAYMON PRESENTED THE BUDGET DOCUMENT AS APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE - **THERE WERE NO CHANGES.**

3. DELBERT ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – **NO PUBLIC COMMENT.**

4. BUDGET HEARING CLOSED AT 6:08

**CALL TO ORDER AT: 6:09**

## **I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Approval of Minutes**

May 2021

**b. Review Bills and Financial Reports**

Denyce Kelly/Aaron Gosiak IMESD

**c. Superintendent Report**

Raymon Smith

- **Enrollment Update:** Enrollment is down about four students. The enrollment projection for the coming school year is high. There are waiting list in most grades. JH/HS are also looking to be very full. Raymon is hearing a lot of positive feed back from out of district applicants, mainly stating that they have heard wonderful things about the Echo School District. There are currently 47 students enrolled in the preschool program.
- **COVID Update:** It is still up in the air where we will be with the mask mandate once the new school year begins. Schools are expected to follow different guidance than the general public. Even if a student does not have to wear a mask to be out in public, there is a possibility they will have to wear one at school. Failure to follow the State mandates can result in loss of funding for districts that push back. COVID related topics are everchanging, which means a lot could happen over the next few months. Raymon plans to keep the board updated through the summer and hopes to have better and more concrete information by our August board meeting.
- **Summer School:** JH/HS credit recovery is underway and running smoothly. Raymon will be sending out more detailed information to parents/guardians for elementary summer school.
- **Construction Update:** Raymon took the board on a walk through to see the new building. There is still work to be done, but the construction of the building has come together nicely.

- **PERS Pension Bond Update:** Everything looks great. We will be selling with 26 other school districts. The sale should take place the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July. If the sale takes place, PERS rates will look different in September.

**d. Donations:**

**New Hires:** Ken Hendrix – Maintenance Director  
Ashlie Stanley – MS/HS

**e. Personnel/Contracts:**

**Resignations:** Aaron Noisey – MS/HS

**MOTION: Robert Rose moved for approval of consent agenda items as presented. Heather Madison seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 5-0**

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. RESOLUTION 21-04 ADOPTING BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, LEVYING TAXES**

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to adopt the Echo School District 5R fiscal year 2021-2022 budget in the total sum of \$12,076,600; adopting budget appropriations as presented in Resolution R21-04 totaling \$10,745,603 with unappropriated and reserve amounts of \$1,330,997 for a total budget of \$12,076,600; imposing and categorizing the tax rate of \$ 4.6747 per thousand of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund, subject to the general government limitations and in the amount of \$372,000 for bonds, excluded from general government limitation. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 5-0**

**b. RESOLUTION 21-05 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION 2020-2021**

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve the Echo School District 5R fiscal year 2020-2021 supplemental Budget resolution as presented. Heather Madison seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 5-0**

**c. Certified Employees Professional Agreement 2021-2023**

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve the two-year Certified Employees Professional Agreement for 2021-2023. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 5-0**

**d. Classified Employees Agreement 2021-2023**

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve the two-year Classified Employees Agreement for 2021-2023. Heather Madison seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 5-0**

## **III. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to adjourn this board meeting at 7:37 p.m. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 5-0**

Next regular board meeting Monday, June 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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