

MINUTES OF THE scheduled **Public Hearing on Staunton CUSD #6 Budget for 2018-2019** held in the school Library on Thursday, September 20th, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

I. Call to Order Regular Meeting

A. Welcome/Roll call

President Chris Tingle called the Public Hearing on Staunton's budget for 2018-2019 to order at 6:45 pm in the school Library. Roll was taken: Board members John Renner, Scott Skertich, Janice Kinder, Dave Lamore and Chris Tingle were present. Stephanie Legendre and Kim Peterson absent. Administration in attendance were Superintendent Dan Cox, Grade School Principal Nancy Werden, High School Principal Brett Allen, and Jr High Principal Ryan McGowen. Kelly Costa, reporter from the Staunton Star Times, was also present for the hearing. No residents attended the Hearing

II. Conduct Public Hearing Concerning the Proposed Staunton CUSD #6 Budget

During this public hearing Mr. Cox explained the 2018-2019 Staunton CUSD #6 Budget to the Board. Residents of the District were notified that the Budget was on display for the past 30 days (as required by law), as well as placed it on social media, but no one called nor came in to ask Superintendent Cox any questions about the Budget. Mr. Cox told the Board that the Budget is simply a guide/tool for the District because expenditures and revenue (from the State) were simply impossible to accurately predict. The District is expected to adopt an unbalanced budget, but a deficit reduction plan will not be required. We are expected to receive \$9,956,664 and have expenditures of \$9,964,981 (a deficit of \$8,317). He told the Board that even though the Evidenced based Funding law was a victory for all students and school districts, the Board will need to remain fiscally conservative in coming years to restore the damage that was done through years of inadequate and inequitable funding by the State. Mr. Cox said due to uncertainty surrounding state funding, he tried to underestimate budget revenue (examples: 50% of Tier Money, 95% of Base Funding, only two-out of six- mandated categorical payments) while overestimate our expenditures.

III. Public Comments

There were no guests present for the hearing and the Board had no questions because Mr. Cox had previously explained the Budget at the last regularly scheduled Board meeting.

IV. Adjourn

With no questions nor comments from the public Kinder made a **motion** for adjournment. Renner seconded the motion. All members present voted for adjournment (Legendre and Peterson absent). Hearing adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Dave Lamore, Secretary Staunton School District