

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE 2018-2019 BUDGETS OF EXPENDITURE**  
**Pender Public School – Room 207**  
**September 10, 2018 – 8:00 p.m.**

President Peters opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. for purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2018-2019 Budgets of Expenditure with the following members present: Dan Wichman, Jean Karlen, JJ Maise, Jason Roth, Matt Heineman and Matt Peters. Also present were Superintendent Jason Dolliver, Secondary Principal Eric Miller, Elementary Principal/SPED Director Kelly Ballinger, School Counselor Thad Nixon and Recording Secretary Deanna Hansen.

Superintendent Dolliver reviewed the published budgets of expenditure for all funds. No public support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations by taxpayers were presented regarding the proposed budgets of expenditure.

President Peters closed the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER SETTING THE SYSTEM-WIDE TAX REQUESTS**  
**Pender Public School – Room 207**  
**September 10, 2018 – 8:05 p.m.**

President Peters opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m. for purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to tax requests for the General, Special Building, Bond and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking funds with the following members present: Dan Wichman, Jean Karlen, JJ Maise, Jason Roth, Matt Heineman and Matt Peters. Also present were Superintendent Jason Dolliver, Secondary Principal Eric Miller, Elementary Principal/SPED Director Kelly Ballinger, School Counselor Thad Nixon and Recording Secretary Deanna Hansen.

Superintendent Dolliver reviewed the published document and proposed resolution depicting the General, Bond, Special Building, and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund tax requests. No public support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations by taxpayers were presented regarding the proposed tax levy resolution.

President Peters closed the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

**PENDER PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Pender Public School – Room 207**  
**September 10, 2018 – 8:10 p.m.**

The Pender Public School Board of Education met in regular session in Room 207 on Monday, September 10, 2018. President Matt Peters called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. with the following members present: J.J. Maise, Jason Roth, Dan Wichman, Matt Heineman, Jean Karlen and Matt Peters. Also present were Superintendent Jason Dolliver, Secondary Principal Eric Miller, Elementary Principal/SPED Director Kelly Ballinger, School Counselor Thad Nixon and Recording Secretary Deanna Hansen.

As required by Nebraska Statute 84-1412(8), President Peters drew the attention of those present to the location of information regarding the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room and accessible to all members of the public.

President Peters reviewed the agenda as presented, affirmed that every board member had received notice of the meeting, and the time and place of the meeting had been published or posted as required by Board Policy 8342.

A motion was made by Heineman, and seconded by Roth to approve the agenda as presented. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Wichman, and seconded by Heineman to approve the minutes from the August 13th regular meeting as amended, and the minutes from the August 28th special meeting as presented. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes; motion carried.

A motion to approve financial reports and payment of bills as follows: General Fund - \$28,148.02; School Nutrition Fund - \$12,507.82 and Activity Fund - \$13,982.73; also to approve the September payroll expenses per approved 2018-19 contracts and work agreements; as well as approve up to \$15,000.00 for the August utility bill was made by Wichman, seconded by Roth. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes; motion carried.

Secondary Principal Eric Miller, Elementary Principal/Special Education Director Kelly Ballinger, and Superintendent Jason Dolliver presented their administrative reports. These reports can be seen in their entirety by logging on to the Pender School website (<http://www.penderschools.org>), clicking on the Board of Education tab, and selecting eMeeting. A printed copy can be obtained at the school. Some of the topics covered in the reports include:

Superintendent

Mission Statement  
Conferences, Workshops & Meetings  
School Improvement  
K-12 and P-12 Enrollment  
NENTA  
Pathways 2 Tomorrow  
Summer Food Service Program  
Reunification Drill  
NASB Question

Secondary Principal

Mission Statement  
Past Events/Meetings  
17-18 Enrollment Numbers  
Secondary Section Numbers  
Upcoming Events

Elementary Principal

Mission Statement  
Workshops/Meetings Attended  
Welcome Back  
Drill Day  
Fall Benchmark Testing  
Elementary Enrollment  
August Golden Spoon  
Elementary PRIDE  
Upcoming Events

Spring 2018 ACT Information  
NASB Area Membership Meeting  
2019-2020 Negotiations

School Counselor Thad Nixon presented a report to Board members. The report reviewed the College Access Grant which was recently awarded to Pender Public Schools. This grant is funded by Education Quest and is a 4 year grant worth \$10,000.00. Nixon reviewed the activities he has planned to broaden the exposure to the college options that are available to not only juniors and seniors, but freshmen and sophomores as well. On behalf of the Board, President Peters thanked Mr. Nixon for his presentation.

Board members Karlen and Maise recently attended the OpenSky Institute in Lincoln, and Karlen stated that discussions about Nebraska taxes and Nebraska budgeting were held, as well as a great overview of the Nebraska education system.

Maise reported that he had also recently attended day one of the Labor Relations Conference, also held in Lincoln. He stated he participated in the “ABC’s of Negotiations” session during the pre-conference on day one.

Board member Peters shared the “Progress Tab” from the August 1st edition of the West Point News which included a nice article about the progress of the Pathways 2 Tomorrow program.

President Peters implemented the Procedures for Public Comment, and no one took advantage of the opportunity to address the board.

In an effort to save money and reduce the District’s tax levy, the idea of paying off the QCPUF bonds early was explored. Dr. Dolliver discovered that it is allowable, it saves the District money, and it reduces the 18-19 levy; thus he stated that he believed it is in the District’s best interest to do so. If approved, he stated that approximately \$25,500 in interest payments would be saved; there would also be a loss of interest earned, but that it is significantly exceeded by the amount saved.

The difference in the system-wide tax request that will be required for the 2018-19 school year will be reduced by \$184,848.48, or \$0.030428 on the levy. The total tax request prior to the concept of paying the bonds off early was \$4,999,389.85; if early payment is approved, the tax request will be \$4,814,541.37. This lower request would be \$156,561.00 lower than the 2017-18 system-wide tax request.

Dr. Dolliver stated that for this to happen, the Board must pass a resolution call the QCPUF bonds. He recommended the Board approve the resolutions as presented to the District can proceed with this plan.

A motion was made by Wichman and seconded by Maise to approve the resolution authorizing the early redemption of the District’s series 2012 limited obligation school bonds. President Peters restated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Superintendent Dolliver stated that in order to pay the QCPUF bonds on October 15, 2018, checks payable to Union Bank & Trust need to be approved at the September meeting. He recommended approving the checks from the Quality Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund and the Special Building Fund as presented.

A motion to approve full payment of the District’s series 2012 bonds by utilizing \$335,000.00 from the QCPU Fund and \$278,414.17 from the Special Building Fund to make the final payment of \$610,000.00 principal and \$3,414.17 interest was made by Maise and seconded by Roth. President Peters restated the motion, and the result of roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Superintendent Dolliver reviewed budgets of expenditure for all funds, tax asking for each fund and resulting levies with Board members. No members of the public offered support, opposition, criticism or suggestions for any of the 2018-2019 budgets of expenditure as proposed during the public hearing. He stated the budgets will not change based on the QCPUF bonds. As a result of the public hearing and additional information shared during the regular meeting regarding the budgets of expenditure for 2018-2019, Superintendent Dolliver recommended approval of the budgets for all funds as presented.

Motion made by Wichman, seconded by Heineman to approve the 2018-2019 budgets of expenditure for the General, School Nutrition, Bond, Special Building, Activity, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Depreciation, and Employee Benefit funds as presented during the public hearing and reviewed during the regular meeting. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

The system wide tax request resolution was reviewed as presented. No public input was gathered during the public hearing requiring further consideration of the tax requests of \$4,140,586.83 for the General Fund, \$303,030.30 for the Special Building Fund, \$330,515.15 for the Bond Fund, and \$196,969.70 for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund. Mr. Dolliver recommended approval of the tax requests necessary to support the 2017-2018 system-wide tax request.

Motion made by Roth, and seconded by Maise to approve the 2018-2019 system-wide tax resolution providing tax requests as follows: 1) General Fund - \$4,228,682.79; 2) Special Building Fund - \$252,525.25; and 3) Bond Fund - \$333,333.33 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes; motion carried.

Superintendent Dolliver asked Board members to consider approving the work agreement with Ashly Bryson for a paraprofessional, Daryl Harrison as an Activity Bus Driver and Jude Millikin as an addition to the district list of substitute teachers. All 3 individuals meet the needs of the respective positions and Dr. Dolliver recommended approval.

A motion was made by Wichman, and seconded by Roth to approve the work agreement with Ashly Bryson for the position of paraprofessional, to add Daryl Harrison as an Activity Bus Driver and to add Jude Millikin to the district's list of substitute teachers. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes; motion carried.

Board members reviewed Policy 3131. This policy had been approved for first reading during the August BOE meeting.

A motion was made by Wichman and seconded by Heineman to approve the second reading of BOE Policy 3131. President Peters stated the motion and the result of roll call vote being all ayes; motion carried.

No action was taken by the BOE on Board Goals.

The next P2T Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th at ESU #2 in Fremont at 7:00 pm; Roth reminded the Board members that they are welcome to attend the P2T Board Meetings. The upcoming 2018 NASB Area Membership Meeting schedule was discussed. Board members Heineman, Roth, Maise and Peters asked to be registered for the meeting in Norfolk on October 3rd. President Peters reminded board members that the next regular board meeting would be held on Monday, October 15, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Registration for the upcoming NASB State Education Conference was reviewed. The conference is scheduled for November 14-16 in the LaVista Convention Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wichman, and seconded by Maise. President Peters stated the motion and the result of the vote being all ayes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Jason Roth, Secretary

Deanna Hansen, Recording Secretary

