

**MINUTES
OF THE
RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDET HEARING
IN THE
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER President Randy Glenn called the USD 378 Board of Education 2010-11 Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 16, 2010 with the Pledge of Allegiance in the Riley County High School Library.

The following members were present:

Randy Glenn, President

Jennifer Wilson, Vice President

Tom Henton

Mike Pachta

Steve Reed

Dan Strom

Dan Winter

Others present:

Brad Starnes, Superintendent

Norma Sharp, Clerk

Teresa Grant, RCGS/MS Principal

Eric Swanson, RCHS Principal

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Dan Strom moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Second by Dan Winter. Motion carried with six "yes" votes cast.

VISITORS

No visitors were present.

Member Tom Henton arrived at 7:03 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS**

PUBLIC HEARING OF 2010-11 BUDGET:

President Glenn opened the USD 378 2010-11 proposed Budget Hearing and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Starnes for an overview of the proposed budget.

Superintendent Starnes presented the following 2010-2011 Budget General profile for USD 378. Riley County Schools have seen a steady increase in enrollment of 11% over the past 9 years, going from 618 Full Time Equivalency (FTE) to 684.5 FTE. The district experienced a 7.63% increase in FTE enrollment over the past year. And for the first time were able to participate in the "second count day" on February 20th for Military students. Demographically we would expect to see a continued growth pattern due to

several reasons. First, since opening our district to "out of district" students in 2000 there have been a steady number (93 K-12/ 13.29% of our student population-the district high was in 2006-111 K-12/16.9%) of out of district students who, after they had gone through an application process that included the students' attendance, grades, and discipline records at their previous school(s), have been accepted to our schools. Riley County Schools have an excellent reputation within the area and families looking for smaller class sizes, excellent academic standards, outstanding activity & athletic teams, and terrific facilities have considered going out of their local school districts and coming to Riley County. Second, according to Ft. Riley Military Base personnel-within a 60 mile radius, the region can expect an increase of 33,000 people. Of these 33,000 people there may be around 6,000 school-aged children. Riley County Schools would anticipate some of these 6,000 students to enroll within our schools. Since the Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) action we have increased our military students to 68 or 9.71% of our student population.

In Kansas, school funding is based upon the number of FTE students schools have on the September 20th count day and second count day on February 20th for districts that have students whose parents are full time military. Approximately only 25% of the schools in Kansas have a steady or increasing enrollment.

In the 09-10 school year these out of district students brought in over \$866,778 to our budget. Our 2010-11 General Fund Budget receives 88% state aid and our Supplemental General (Local Option Budget/LOB) budget receives 51% state aid. The General fund LOB authority is at 30% (the state allowed maximum without a general election vote). The district has chosen to assess 6 mills for Capital Outlay generating \$210,118 which receives 0% state aid. Capitol Outlay money can only be used for capital improvements, which are generally large money items and need continued maintenance. Our total mill levy increase is .806 to 54.890 mills. Since 1997 our mill levy has averaged 50.680 mills.

It cost our district \$11,647 to educate a child at Riley County Schools. However, our local taxpayers only fund 23% or \$2,704 of the total cost. Due to less state funding, local patrons are asked to fund an increasing percentage. Since 2004, the first year our Local Option Budget (LOB) Supplemental General Budget local taxes exceeded our General Fund local taxes, our expenditures have raised an average of 5.4% to over \$7.9 million. Expenditures have dropped - 2.6% (\$247,900), while transfers to fund special funds-i.e. Special Education (\$165,450 increase), Food Service have risen 19.4% (\$284,115) for a total budget increase of .4%. To fund this .4% increase it will take the additional .806 mills or 4% increase in taxes (\$471,004). The Supplemental General (LOB) budget mills increased .764 mills due to the increased transfers and to cover if there is an increase in

delinquent taxes. If the tax collections come in at the predicted 94% and it doesn't take as much taxes to fund the LOB our mil levy for the 2011-12 year will be helped. We used a state suggested 92% rate due to increases in delinquent taxes. Consequently it takes an additional \$83,823 to raise our needed LOB taxes. Teachers and staff are utilizing alternative methods of funding to ensure quality instructional materials. Our local Parent Teacher Organization has provided much appreciated financial support.

Superintendent Starnes reviewed the 2010-2011 budget documents and addressed questions. Assessed valuations increased \$771,405 General Fund and \$802,689 for all other funds. We decreased total assessments by -247,900, but increased our transfers by \$284,115 for a total increase of .4%. He stated even with a .4% increase our local taxes levied increased \$71,004 or 4.0%.

After the Superintendents' presentation and questions, President Glenn closed the public hearing.


Tom Henton moved to approve the 2010-11 USD 378 Budget as presented. Second by Mike Pachta. Motion carried with seven "yes" votes cast.


In the 2010-2011 USD 378 Profile, Mr. Starnes reviewed the District's Accomplishments and Challenges.

Attached to the official minutes is a copy of the approved 2010-11 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT Jennifer Wilson moved and Mike Pachta seconded to adjourn the hearing. Motion carried with seven "yes" votes cast.

The time for adjournment was 7:38 p.m.


Randy Glenn, President


Norma Sharp, Clerk