



## **SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

6/21/2017 [5:00PM-6:00PM] @ District Administration Center, 200 N. Fifth Street

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### **- SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES -**

#### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

##### **Minutes**

President Combs called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

##### **Minutes**

President Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **3. Roll Call**

##### **Minutes**

Board Members in Attendance: Mrs. Anspach, Mr. Ford, Ms. Geesey, Miss Hohenadel, Mrs. Kedney, Mr. Knighton, Mrs. Schwert and Mr. Combs

Mr. Leader called in at 5:00 p.m. We lost Mr. Leader's connection at 5:02 p.m. and he reconnected at 5:04 p.m.

Administrators in Attendance: Mr. Strickler, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Grab and Mrs. Smith

#### **4. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

The Board recognizes the value of public comment by residents of the district on agenda items. Each resident of Columbia Borough wishing to address the Board will be limited to five (5) minutes to make their comments. While your comments are welcome, please refrain from introducing questions before the Board or Administration. Please forward any questions, via E-mail, to the Board

President at [kcombs@columbiabsd.org](mailto:kcombs@columbiabsd.org). Answers to your questions will be sought from the appropriate Administrative staff. A response will be sent to you in a timely manner. After being recognized by the presiding officer, the speaker must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation if appropriate. All comments shall be directed to the presiding officer.

The presiding officer may interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant.

##### **Minutes**

No Public Comment

#### **5. Finance & Audit (Mr. Knighton - Chair)**

##### **a. A motion is requested to approve the Final Budget for General Fund Approval Resolution**

The final budget includes a proposed tax increase in the total amount of .8508 mills or 2.90%, which is within Columbia Borough School District's approved index of 3.7%, and

use of \$800,000 (\$250,000 is in Budgetary Reserve) of Fund Balance. The real estate tax rate for 2017-18 will be 30.1908 mills.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anspach and seconded by Mrs. Schwert. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Anspach, Mrs. Schwert, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Kedney, Mr. Knighton and Mr. Combs voted yes. Miss Hohenadel and Ms. Geesey voted no. Connection with Mr. Leader lost at 5:02. Motion passed - 6 yes, 2 no, 1 absent.

*(9 - 2017-18 Notice of Final Budget and Per Capita Tax Notice.pdf attached)*

*(PDE 2028 - 2017-18 Proposed Final Budget - REVISED 05-04-2017 (2).PDF attached)*

**b. A motion is requested to approve Annual Tax Levy Resolution**

This resolution sets the tax rates for 2017-18. The real estate tax rate would be set at 30.1908 mills.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anspach and seconded by Mrs. Kedney. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Anspach, Mrs. Kedney, Mr. Ford, Mr. Knighton, Mrs. Schwert and Mr. Combs voted yes. Miss Hohenadel and Ms. Geesey voted no. Connection with Mr. Leader lost at 5:02. Motion passed - 6 yes, 2 no, 1 absent.

*(17 - 2017-18 Annual Tax Levy Resolution.pdf attached)*

**c. A motion is requested to approve the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

This resolution sets the amount for the Homestead/Farmstead exclusion to be included on the July 1, 2016 tax bill. Based on data from the County Assessment Office and the District's 2017-18 allocation, the total reduction in assessment is \$10,340 (\$10,784 for 16-17) and \$312.17 (\$311.65 for 16-17) in real estate taxes for approved homesteads.

**Note: Historical information**

**2012-2013 - \$636,079, 2,219 homesteads, \$286.65**

**2013-2014 - \$636,265, 2,162 homesteads, \$294.29**

**2014-2015 - \$636,835, 2,115 homesteads, \$301.10**

**2015-2016 - \$636,998, 2,054 homesteads, \$310.14**

**2016-2017 - \$637,327, 2,045 homesteads, \$311.65**

**2017-2018 - \$636,522, 2,039 homesteads, \$312.17**

**Minutes**

A motion to approve was made, with a clarification to change a typographical date error from 2016 to 2017, by Mrs. Schwert and seconded by Mrs. Anspach. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Schwert, Mrs. Anspach, Mr. Ford, Miss Hohenadel, Ms. Geesey, Mrs. Kedney, Mr. Knighton, Mr. Leader and Mr. Combs voted yes. Mr. Leader reconnected at 5:04 p.m. Motion passed - 9 yes, 0 no.

*(16 - 2017-18 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution (2).pdf attached)*

**d. A motion is requested to approve the Special Education Supplemental Contract**

**Minutes**

A motion to approve was made by Miss Hohenadel and seconded by Mrs. Anspach. A roll call vote was taken: Miss Hohenadel, Mrs. Anspach, Mr. Ford, Ms. Geesey, Mrs.

Kedney, Mr. Knighton, Mr. Leader, Mrs. Schwert and Mr. Combs voted yes. Motion passed - 9 yes, 0 no.

*(17-18 Consortium Agreement.pdf attached)*

## **6. Personnel (Mr. Ford - Chair)**

**a. A motion is requested to approve Administration and Support Staff average increase for 2017-18 of 3.0%**

### **Minutes**

A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Schwert and seconded by Mr. Knighton. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Schwert, Mr. Knighton, Miss Hohenadel, Mrs. Anspach, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Kedney, Mr. Leader, and Mr. Combs voted yes. Ms. Geesey voted no. Motion passed - 8 yes, 1 no.

## **7. Adjournment**

### **Minutes**

President Combs adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Debra E. Smith  
School Board Secretary