

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2017
12:00 P.M.**

The Board of Education of Unified School District 234, Fort Scott, Kansas, met in special session at their offices at 424 S. Main at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Michelle Parker, Vanessa Poyner, Janet Braun, Jamie Armstrong, Gary Billionis

ABSENT: Michelle Hudiburg, Jordan Witt

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Bob Beckham, Clerk Gina Shelton

OTHERS PRESENT: Connie Billionis, Jason Silvers, Nancy Van Etten

OPEN THE MEETING – 12:00 P.M.

President Armstrong opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN BUDGET HEARING

Mrs. Armstrong opened the budget hearing.

COMMENTS

The board heard comments and questions from a citizen, Nancy Van Etten, regarding the budget. Mrs. Shelton and Mrs. Armstrong answered the questions and explained the budget process. Mrs. Shelton also explained the publishing of tax rates.

CLOSE THE BUDGET HEARING

It was moved by Mrs. Braun, seconded by Mr. Billionis, and carried by unanimous vote that the board close the budget hearing.

CONSIDER THE 2017-18 BUDGET

It was moved by Mrs. Braun, seconded by Mrs. Parker, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the budget as presented:

NOTICE OF HEARING 2017-2018 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 234 will meet on the 23rd day of August, 2017 at 12:00 PM, at 424 S. Main, Fort Scott, KS 66701 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at USD 234 Board of Education and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2017 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2017-2018 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2015-2016 Actual			2016-2017 Actual			PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-2018		
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2017 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)		
OPERATING									
General	14,911,240	20.000	12,385,313	20.000	11,904,961	1,394,309	20.000		
Supplemental General (LOB)	3,607,179	13.784	3,607,179	13.826	3,948,089	1,105,641	13.784		
SPECIAL REVENUE									
Adult Education	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000		
Adult Supplemental Education	0		0		0				
Bilingual Education	16,461		15,900		35,000				
Virtual Education	0		1,720		42,355				
Capital Outlay	413,990	3.561	1,165,850	3.572	1,705,043	526,426	6.563		
Driver Training	13,031		17,450		48,626				
Extraordinary School Program	23,703		22,936		40,405				
Food Service	847,922		813,027		955,398				
Professional Development	3,889		8,007		22,000				
Parent Education Program	0		0		0				
Summer School	0		0		0				
Special Education	2,526,064		2,548,718		3,016,747				
Career and Postsecondary Education	283,279		273,178		526,650				
Special Liability Expense Fund	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000		
School Retirement	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000		
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000		
Special Reserve Fund	0		0		0				
Federal Funds	941,026		871,581		838,987				
Gifts and Grants	70,931		89,239		272,553				
At Risk (4Yr Old)	87,275		105,578		152,090				
Cost of Living	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000		
At Risk (K-12)	2,621,173		2,646,809		4,359,700				
Declining Enrollment	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000		

Fund—Continued

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51	1,043,291		1,002,576		1,559,056		
53	0		49,761				
55	15,765		133,244				
56	56,527		65,232				
57	0		0		0		
DEBT SERVICE							
62	3,260,923	15.727	2,321,900	15.775	2,795,350	1,020,687	12.725
63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES**							
78	0		0		0		
Special Education							
100	30,743,669	53.072	28,145,198	53.173	32,223,010	4,047,063	53.072
105	8,707,975	xxxxxx	7,234,882	xxxxxx	7,257,527	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
110	22,035,694	xxxxxx	20,910,316	xxxxxx	24,965,483	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
115	3,868,343	xxxxxx	3,973,868	xxxxxx	4,047,063	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
OTHER							
80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
84	325,718	2.195	325,158	2.202	355,000	176,044	2.195
86	29,090	0.417	32,655	0.419	45,000	33,409	0.417
120	354,808	2.612	357,813	2.621	400,000	209,453	2.612
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED							
125	4,089,714		4,180,605		4,256,516		
128	\$66,131,744		\$67,944,159		\$69,715,467		
130	\$76,761,650		\$78,554,779		\$80,211,120		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1							
135	42,295,000		41,265,000		40,805,000		
140	0		0		0		
145	0		0		0		
150	0		0		0		
153	0		0		0		
155	42,295,000		41,265,000		40,805,000		

* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
** Sponsoring District Only

President

Clerk of the Board

CONSIDER 2017-18 PROPERTY TAX RATES

It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Poyner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2017-18 property tax rates as required by KSA 79-2925b:

USD 234 PUBLIC NOTICE OF VOTE

2017-18 PROPERTY TAX RATES

2-YEAR PROPERTY TAX REVIEW

(Excluding General Fund, Bond and Interest, No-Fund Warrants, and Temporary Note)

Fund	2016-17		2017-18		Percent Increase Over Prior Year
	Amount Levied	Rate	Amount Levied	Rate	
1. Supplemental General	1,086,098	13.826	1,105,641	13.784	1.80%
2. Adult Education	0	0.000	0	0.000	0.00%
3. Capital Outlay	280,598	3.572	526,426	6.563	87.61%
4. Special Liability Expense	0	0.000	0	0.000	0.00%
5. School Retirement	0	0.000	0	0.000	0.00%
6. Extraordinary Growth	0	0.000	0	0.000	0.00%
7. Cost of Living	0	0.000	0	0.000	0.00%
8. Declining Enrollment	0	0.000	0	0.000	0.00%
9. Special Assessment	0	0.000	0	0.000	0.00%
10. TOTAL	1,366,696	17.398	1,632,067	20.347	19.42%

NOTE: Publication in the local newspaper is required if Line 10 is over 1.4 percent increase over the prior year.

Required by KSA 79-2925b

BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE

Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Clerk of the Board

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 12:09 P.M.

It was moved by Mrs. Poyner, seconded by Mrs. Parker, and carried by unanimous vote that the board go into executive session to discuss 2017-18 personnel employment pursuant to personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel and that the board reconvenes in the board room at 12:20 p.m.

The executive session was required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual.

The board invited Superintendent Bob Beckham to attend the executive session.

OPEN SESSION – 12:20 P.M.

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OPEN SESSION – 12:25 P.M.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Mr. Billionis, seconded by Mrs. Braun, and carried by unanimous vote that the board approve the following employment matters:

- A. Retirement of Mary Portwood, high school paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2017



Connie Billionis <cblionis@usd234.org>

Fwd: Retirement

Bob Beckham <bbeckham@usd234.org>
To: Connie Billionis <cblionis@usd234.org>

Mon, Aug 21, 2017 at 10:45 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mary Portwood** <mportwood@usd234.org>

Date: Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 2:21 PM

Subject: Retirement

To: Shawn Thomas <sthomas@usd234.org>, Bob Beckham <bbeckham@usd234.org>, USD234 BOE <usd234boe@usd234.org>

Please accept this letter as my formal notice of my retirement from my position of Para Educator at the Fort Scott High School effective now, August 17, 2017. Its been a fun 21 years of learning and experiences. Not to mention all the fellow workers I have had the pleasure of working with. All be greatly missed. Thank you for all the great years.

Mary Portwood

Don't worry be happy

--
Bob Beckham
USD #234 Fort Scott
620-223-0800 work
620-215-5256 cell

B. Transfer of Ty Post, Winfield Scott paraprofessional, to high school paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year

August 16, 2017

Mr. Beckham
USD 234 Board of Education

Fort Scott High School Administration would like to recommend that Ty Post, Winfield Scott paraeducator, be transferred to Fort Scott High School as a paraeducator for the 2017/2018 school year.

Shawn Thomas
Principal
Fort Scott High School

C. Transfer of Becky Lee, preschool paraprofessional, to Winfield Scott paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year

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BOB BECKHAM
Superintendent



GINA SHELTON
Business Manager

08/21/2017

To: Board of Education,

I would like to request the transfer of Becky Lee, paraprofessional, from Fort Scott Preschool to Winfield Scott Elementary for the 2017-18 school year.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Scholes Jr.".

Rick Scholes Jr., Ed.S., LPC
Director of Special Education

D. Addition of two middle school paraprofessional positions for the 2017-18 school year

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08/21/2017

To: Board of Education,

I would like to request the addition of two paraprofessional positions at the Fort Scott Middle School for the 2017-18 school year. The additional staff will meet the needs of students on IEPs who do not have the support they need in the general education setting as required by the IEP.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Scholes Jr.".

Rick Scholes Jr., Ed.S., LPC
Director of Special Education

- E. Employment of Sean Krokroskia as a middle school paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year
- F. Employment of Adina Findley as a high school paraprofessional for the 2017-18 school year
- G. Employment of Marques Floyd as a middle school/Eugene Ware custodian for the 2017-18 school year
- H. Employment of Raymond Allen as a Eugene Ware eight-hour, twelve-month custodian for the 2017-18 school year
- I. Resignation of Dakota Hall from middle school second and last session intramurals for the 2017-18 school year
- J. Employment of Adam Clements as a high school assistant football coach for the 2017-18 school year
- K. Employment of Jayci Cosens for middle school second session intramurals for the 2017-18 school year

ADJOURN – 12:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

Board President

Board Clerk