

The Sturgeon Board of Education met in a Tax Hearing at 6:45 followed by the regular board meeting on Thursday, August 13th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Six board members were present: Mike Guilford, Denise Flaspohler, Misty Doss, Charles King, Kevin Smith and Heather Dougherty; Tim Parkinson was absent. Others present: Shawn Schultz, superintendent; Becky Schafer, High School Principal; Brandee Brown, K-8 Principal; Jeff Carr, Curriculum Director & Transportation Director; Penny Fadler, Special Education Director; Marcia Rhinehart-Librarian; Jennifer Jones-Special Ed Teacher; Peggy Leerhoff-Bookkeeper; and a Guard Reporter; and minutes were taken by Bonnie Chase, secretary to superintendent and board of education.

The Tax Hearing was called to order by Vice President, Mike Guilford at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Schultz submitted to the board the proposed Tax Levy figures for the 2015/16 school year as follows:

Operating fund:	\$3.8490
Debt Service:	<u>\$1.2700</u>
	\$5.1190

The regular board meeting started at 7p.m.

The agenda was amended to include item F-Middle School Schedule.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to approve the consent agenda.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Misty Doss to set the 2015/16 school year tax levy as follows:

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Debt Service:	<u>\$1.2700</u>
	\$5.1190

Mrs. Schafer was recognized. She reported three high school students had made up credit via the summer school Credit Recovery Program. The high school Cheerleaders participated in regional competition; the high school registration was held on August 10 and 11 and went very well. She asked the board to consider changing the graduation date from the Friday before Mothers Day to Sunday, May 15th at 2p.m. She recommended that this be changed because the last day of school is May 20th the seniors will be out approximately one week before the last day of school instead of two by changing the date.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Heather Dougherty to set high school graduation date May 15th, 2016 at 2p.m. with the understanding the board will re-evaluate the date each year.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Motion was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Charles King to enter into a Dual Credit Agreement with Moberly Area Community College for the 2015/16 school year.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

PTSO president Marcia Rhinehart was recognized and reported they had supplied all staff with Planners for the new year; they plan to do a “Munchy Basket” for all staff the first day of school; they are hosting a Back to School Night on Monday, August 17th from 6-7:30 p.m.; they are providing “goody bags” for all new staff and they are currently working on a fundraiser to begin in September. The board thanked her for the report.

Brandi Brown, K-8 principal, was recognized. She reported there are 22 new students enrolled K-8; and 26 preschoolers. She reported that all faculty would be traveling over to Hallsville Schools to listen to Ken Williams who is a motivational speaker; she submitted the PLC, PBS and Mentor/Mentees leadership team members; she also submitted “Lesson Plans” that are due Fridays and Monday mornings for the year and she updated the board on the new computer lab in the middle school.

Jeff Carr was recognized and reported Summer School enrollment ended with 180 full-time students and an ADA of 27 which he felt very good about. He reported the assessments for 3rd through 8th grades will be coming in very soon. He mentioned it will be very hard to compare the new assessments to previous years; he did report that the high school biology tests were 88% proficient and advanced and English II tests were 85+% which was very good. He isn't sure how the APR will turn out as this was the “Introduction Testing year.”

He reported the bus drivers and himself went to an all day PD training over at Harrisburg and were able to log 8 hours toward training. He reported we will have five regular routes again this year plus a special needs student route on the handicap bus. He also reported we will have a sub bus driver fill in for a few weeks at the beginning of the school year for one of our regular bus drivers. He reported that all staff went through a training with Kelly Services who we have entered into an agreement with for our substitute teachers this year.

Penny Fadler was recognized. She is our new Special Education Administrator. She reported we have several new students with IEPs...three possible high needs...and a new aide will need to be hired for one of the students. She reported a Paraprofessional training is scheduled for all aides on Monday, August 17th in Moberly. She also reported she is CPI certified and she will be training other staff members on crisis prevention intervention.

Bids from Brownfield Oil and MFA Oil for diesel were discussed. The board had tabled accepting a bid until clarification was made on the MFA Oil bid. The bid from Brownfield Oil was 19.5 cents and the bid from MFA Oil was 27 cents. Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Misty Doss to accept the bid from Brownfield Oil for diesel for the 2015/16 school year.

Yeas: 5

Abstain:1(Kevin Smith)

Bids from Cunningham Performance and Como Diesel Services were also discussed; they had also been tabled until the August board meeting until Mr. Schultz and Jeff Carr contacted them for clarification on their bid. Jeff Carr contacted Kenny Jay with Como Diesel and asked for clarification on whether he was certified for bus inspections. He said he was certified; however, the shop he works at is not.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Denise Flaspohler to accept the bid from Cunningham Performance for service to our buses for the 2015/16 school year per Jeff Carr's recommendation.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

The goals of the board were discussed. The board didn't see anything that needed to be added at this time, so Mr. Schulz reported he would update and finalize the goals with no changes being made at this time.

Track bids were reviewed. The bids were opened on August 6th at 1 p.m. A total of three bids were received plus a base bid only was received.

Byrne & Jones total package bid=\$611,000.00 100 days to complete

Christenson Construction total package bid=\$694,180.00 90 days to complete

Fisher Tracks base bid only=\$116,848.00

Hellas Construction total package bid=\$824,000.00 54 days to complete

Mr. Schultz reported that Byrne & Jones specializes in doing tracks only and that Paragon Architectural recommended we accept their bid.

Motion was made by Charles King, seconded by Misty Doss to accept the bid from Byrne and Jones in the amount of \$611,000.00 for the track project as recommended by Paragon Architects.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Mr. Schultz also reported the Mexico Military Academy(MMA) are discontinuing their track program and are selling their track equipment. He sent a committee over to view the equipment and he offered them \$2,700 for everything and they accepted it.

Motion was made by Denise Flaspohler, seconded by Heather Dougherty to approve the Lunch Policy Attachments A thru P for the 2015/16 school year.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

The board discussed concerns with electives in the middle school. They were concerned students can't take some of the electives they would like to take because of other scheduling conflicts. Ms. Brown said it would be beneficial if we could possibly hire a "part-time" person to eliminate some of these concerns. The board asked her to continue to work on trying to eliminate some of these conflicts and report back in the near future.

Mr. Schultz gave an update on the renovations. He reported the elementary restrooms may be delayed opening approximately one week at the beginning of the school year due to partitions not being received yet. Ms. Brown and teachers are working on plans to work around this until they are re-opened. The gym bathrooms are almost finished, just waiting on countertops. They are preparing to pour slabs for the new classrooms at the high school. He also reported he was very happy with Grove Construction at this point; most everything has gone very smoothly.

Motion was made by Misty Doss, seconded by Kevin Smith to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

_____MIKE GUILFORD, VICE PRESIDENT

_____BONNIE CHASE, SECRETARY