

**Cass County School District 097
Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools
September 13, 2017**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in the boardroom in the high school at Murdock. Board members Mark Meyer, Dave Oehlerking, Jesse Rust, Jeff Backemeyer, and Mark Luetchens were present. Board member Kathy Frahm was absent. Also present were Superintendent Ryan Knippelmeyer, Elementary Principal Bruce Friedrich, Junior-Senior High Principal Tim Allemang, and Director of Student Services Heidi Zierott.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting and the subjects to be discussed at the meeting were given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. A current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice.

Board president Dave Oehlerking called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and made mention of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the meeting room.

Luetchens/Rust (M/S) to approve consent agenda, including approval of meeting agenda, board bills and financial reports, minutes of August 8, 2017 regular board meeting and excuse board member Frahm. Motion carried (5-0)

The board received reports from:

- Director of Student Services
- Junior-Senior High School Principal
- Elementary Principal
- Superintendent

Action Items:

**Meyer/Oehlerking (M/S) to approve the purchase of a school van from Duteau Motors.
Motion carried 5-0**

Held Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and to consider amendment relative thereto.

Rust/Backemeyer (M/S) to adjourn Public Budget Hearing at 8:05 p.m.

The proposed budget was carefully considered by the Board of Education. It was moved by Backemeyer, seconded by Luetchens, that the following budget be adopted for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year.

GENERAL FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$7,286,075
Necessary Cash Reserve:	-0-
Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue:	\$3,096,075
Fee and Delinquent Tax Allowance:	\$42,324
Total Property Tax Requirement:	\$4,232,324

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$415,111
Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue:	\$265,111
Fee and Delinquent Tax Allowance:	\$1,516
Total Property Tax Requirement:	\$151,516

DEPRECIATION FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$1,056,998
Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue:	\$1,056,998

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$288,914
Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue:	\$288,914

QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE UNDERTAKING FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$178,911
Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue:	\$90,431
Fee and Delinquent Tax Allowance:	\$894
Total Property Tax Requirement:	\$89,374

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$417,737
Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue:	\$417,737

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$466,941
Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue:	\$466,941

STUDENT FEE FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$50,000
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Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue: \$50,000

BOND FUND:

Total Budget of Expenditures:	\$632,923
Necessary Cash Reserve:	\$643,071
Cash on Hand and Estimated Other Revenue:	\$635,994
Fee and Delinquent Tax Allowance:	\$6,465
Total Property Tax Requirement:	\$646,465

Voting AYE: Backemeyer, Meyer, Luetchens, Rust, Oehlerking
Voting Nay: none. The motion was passed 5-0

Held Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

-Audience: one patron commented on his appreciation of the district's handling of the finances.

-Rust/Backemeyer (M/S) to adjourn Public Hearing at 8:08 p.m. to "Set Final Tax Requests" for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year.

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to "Set Final Tax Requests" for the Elmwood-Murdock School District for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year.

WHEREAS, public notice was given at least four days in advance of the Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund and Special Building Fund for Cass County School District 097; and

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Cass County School District 097 (hereinafter "the District") at the time, date and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information, and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$4,232,324; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$646,465; (3) the Tax Request for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$89,374; and (4) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and is hereby set at \$151,516.

It is moved by Luetchens, seconded by Meyer, this 13th day of September 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

Oehlerking **yes**
Luetchens **yes**
Meyer **yes**
Frahm **absent**
Rust **yes**
Backemeyer **yes**

Discussion items included with no action being taken:

-Discussion regarding enrollment numbers, football participation and NSAA classification requirements for the 2018-2019 football season.

-ADA compliance for access at Elmwood football field.

-Review of Superintendent evaluation instrument.

Rust/Backemeyer (M/S) motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Motion carried 5-0

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in the Boardroom at the Murdock School site.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Meyer, Board Secretary