

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Budget Hearing Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

Board Members Present: Tina Roehl, Duane Draeger, Rick Kaltenberg, Carol O'Neil, June McCaffery

Also Present: District Administrator Michael Garvey, Principal/Director of Pupil Services Kris Blakeley, Board Secretary, Carolyn Anderson, Don Battenberg, John Yelich, Christine Yelich, Victoria Toebe, Melissa Christian, Jeff Constable, Dale Konle, and Ken Johnson.

Conduct the Annual Budget Hearing

President Tina Roehl appointed Carolyn Anderson to be the secretary of the Budget Hearing and Annual meeting.

Moved by Draeger/Kaltenberg to waive the reading of the minutes from the September 17, 2012 Annual Budget Hearing Meeting and accept them as printed. Motion carried.

Report by Dr. Garvey:

2012-13 was a good year in the Johnson Creek School District. We continue to see strong numbers. We have worked to develop creative ways to deal with the growth. Johnson Creek is in a better situation than most Districts. The Board has approved a contract with a company who will conduct a phone survey to help inform them as to the next step in addressing our facility needs.

We are serving approximately 670 students in our EC-12 grade programs. We had five retirements this Spring along with some teachers leaving for various reasons. A few new positions were created to meet our growing population needs. We welcomed over 18 new staff for this school year.

Our student population continues to increase. We have added instructional minutes to the school day to accommodate the addition of a Connect and Apply Time (CaAT). We continue to update the curriculum, reducing areas of deficiency and unneeded duplication. We continue to identify areas of remediation through data mining.

We have continued to improve our equipment and facilities. Our technology has been updated with the purchase of an additional 275 chrome books this summer. This places us at nearly one-to-one computing in grades 2-12 in all core subject areas. Laptops are replacing desktops for our staff. Our internet band width was increased to 100 megabits. We replaced our wireless system in the Elementary School last year and the MS/HS wireless system is being installed this week.

We continue to pay down the unfunded liability to the state retirement fund. During this past year, we did not have to access our line of credit – yielding a debt service cost of zero for short term borrowing.

Dr. Garvey walked those present through the budget details.

The budget was based upon a conservative student increase over last year. Official numbers for third Friday count will be finalized next week. This budget was based upon the state's July property values estimate. This value will be certified by the Department of Revenue in early October. This budget was based upon an estimate in state aid. State Aid is not certified until October 15.

At the conclusion of the Budget Hearing, motion by O'Neil/Draeger to adjourn the Budget Hearing in order to conduct the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Carolyn Anderson,
Administrative Assistant