

Tax Rate Public Hearing

November 30, 2017 6:30 PM
school library

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Robert Clark
Mrs. Donna Major
Mr. Keith Monson
Ms. Priscilla Harris
Mr. Ben Bradshaw

A. Call to Order

B. Public Comments

Discussion:

Presentation by Superintendent Begley

Public Comments:

What does "recallable nickel" mean?

Comments regarding news article with audit information; general fund balance and assets, purchases

Question - how many physically handicapped students do you have in this school?

Comment: Very proud of the fact that my kids go here, proud of the board and the superintendent, teachers are high quality, building has been here a while, things wear out...this is an investment in our future. If this school isn't here, this town isn't here. This school is the heartbeat of this community. It's a good opportunity to invest in our kids. If the kids are proud of it, they might come back to the community.

Comment: Detailed plan, will this be sufficient to see you through for a little while? This is it for 4 years - DFP is every four years.

Comment: Burgin has a rich history that goes back to the 1890s...started as a one room school. 1940s - 2 story building. 1964 - needed to grow with the community, that is the nucleus of the current building. Other renovations have occurred, in a phased system. As your need changes, you have to make your facilities match your need. In recent years, our enrollment has increased by 100 students. We don't have to spend it all immediately, but it builds bonding potential, and we have some desperate needs. Things have to be improved as they wear out. I don't like taxes any more than the rest of us, but we have to fund things like this to the benefit of students and of future generations.

Comment: If the tax doesn't get passed, can these things be done with the income we have already? Answer: No...explanation of bonding process and DFP.

Comment: This is what the state requires. If you don't do it, what will happen? Answer: It's a recommendation, not a requirement.

Comment: Kind of like poker, the state requires that you buy in to get the state match, and the timing.

Comment: The last facilities survey listed that we needed a handicapped elevator. We couldn't do anything until we met that criteria. They can make it difficult to do anything else if you don't do what they recommend.

Comment: If I have to pay tax, I'd rather pay it on an investment in the local community where there's accountability.

Comment: The state money isn't guaranteed.

Comment: It's not about the state money, it's about the kids. This is stuff that needs to be done.

Comment: I love my school, I'd rather the school board spend my money than someone far off.

C. Adjournment

Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Ben Bradshaw and a second by Mr. Keith Monson.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairperson

Superintendent