



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on September 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport. PURPOSE: Tax rate hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ramona Malone called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Melissa Sheffel and Theresa Miller.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Kelly Middleton.

Ms. Malone asked those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a Moment of Reflection.

TAX RATE HEARING

Ms. Malone explained the purpose of the hearing. The recommendation from the superintendent and the finance officer will be that the board adopts the general fund tax levy of 108.6 cents on real property and 108.6 cents on personal property. This is the same rate currently being paid by all Newport property owners. Although the board could take a 4% allowable increase, this will not be the recommendation. This will be the 8th year the board has not taken this allowable increase.

The recommendation for the automobile tax rate is 99.3 cents; the same as last year also.

There was no one in attendance from the community to discuss the proposed rates. Therefore, at 6:05 PM the board took the following action:

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY MILLER the board accepted the proposed general fund tax levy of 108.6 cents on real property and personal property; the automobile tax rate will remain the same at 99.3 cents.

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The board took a short break.

At 6:40 PM Debbie Wesslund, a trainer from KSBA, took the floor. Debbie was attendance at the request of the board chair and will be speaking to board members about board and superintendent roles and responsibilities. The three main topics she spoke to were effective leadership responsibilities, teamwork, and ethics. The role of board members as a governing body vs. the role of the superintendent as the manager of the district. Ms. Wesslund, also spoke briefly about the role of the board regarding charter schools.

There was a lot of open discussion and many questions asked and answered. Mr. Wesslund concluded her training around 8:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:13 PM

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Chairman

Secretary