

Red Cloud Community Schools
Budget Hearing & Tax Request Hearing

The Red Cloud Community Schools Board of Education held the Budget Hearing and the Tax Request Hearing for the 2021-2022 school fiscal year at the Red Cloud Elementary School Library on Monday, September 13, 2021. Members Armstrong, Hobbs, Horne, Mahin, Peterson and VanWey were in attendance and answered roll.

President Armstrong opened the Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Hof presented an overview of the budget information and noted that the tax asking will be \$2,958,641 for the General Fund and \$303,030 for the Special Building Fund for a total of \$3,261,671. All supporting documentation was available for review by board members and the public. He asked for questions from the board and public. There being no further discussion, Horne moved to close the hearing at 7:10 p.m. Armstrong seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Hearing closed.

The Tax Request Hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. by President Armstrong. Mr. Hof presented the information to the Board for the purpose of setting the Tax Request for the 2021-2022 school fiscal year. The General Fund levy will be set at \$0.801124 and the Special Building Fund levy at \$0.082053 for a total levy of \$0.883177 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The total operating budget will increase by 14.24%. There was no further input from the board or public. Armstrong declared the hearing adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Cathy Ostrander
Recording Secretary

Red Cloud Community Schools
Board Minutes

The Red Cloud Community Schools Committee on American Civics held a meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021. Mr. Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with committee members Mahin, Peterson and VanWey in attendance; members Armstrong, Hobbs and Horne also participated.

Mr. Hof explained that with the passage of Legislative Bill 399, it is necessary for the committee to hold no fewer than two public meetings annually and to accept public testimony during at least one of the meetings. This meeting is the first meeting for the 2021-22 school year. The purpose of the committee is to examine and ensure that the social studies curriculum for the district is aligned to the social studies standards and that the district teaches and assesses foundational knowledge in civics, history, economics, financial literacy and geography. No parents or patrons attended the meeting to address the board.

There being no further discussion, VanWey moved to close the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Horne seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Board Minutes

The Red Cloud Community Schools Board of Education held their regular monthly board meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 in the library at Red Cloud Elementary. President Armstrong called the meeting at order at 7:21 p.m. with members Armstrong, Hobbs, Horne, Mahin, Peterson and VanWey answering roll.

Mrs. Dallman, Elementary Principal, shared information on the recent Acadience and MAPS testing that was completed by the elementary students. She reported that the staff would be holding a Data Day to review the scores and plan accordingly for the students. Upcoming events include a staff in-service the morning of September 16th, followed by Parent Teacher conferences in the afternoon. School will not be in session on September 17th.

Mr. Heldt Secondary Principal, also presented information regarding the recent MAPS testing taken by the Jr-Sr High students. He did a comparison with the scores from last Spring. He noted that Fall sports are well underway with lots of action for the Jr. High and High School teams—Volleyball, Football & Cross Country. He noted that the staff involved in extra-curricular activities had recently attended the Twin Valley Conference Meeting and Social. Junior High students attended the Youth Leadership Conference in Hastings with Mrs. McDole. Upcoming events include the Teacher In-Service and P-T Conferences on September 16th and Homecoming on September 24th. The calendar indicated that school would be out early on the 24th for a Teacher In-Service; however school will be in session for the entire day.

Superintendent Hof reported that he recently completed a Desk Review auditing the Federal Programs and gave a brief update on Covid Protocols and confidentiality.

Mahin Moved to approve the agenda. VanWey seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2021 board meeting. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to approve payment of the District 2 and Special Building Fund claims and all reoccurring bills. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to accept the Financial Reports. Armstrong seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Committee Reports included an update on the Elementary Parking Lot—the lights are wired and working but still need to be set to shine correctly. The Negotiations Committee met with the Principals and settled on their contracts. Mr. Hof asked for an Ad Hoc Committee for the ESSER Funding—Armstrong, Mahin and Peterson volunteered for the committee.

Mrs. Mahin reported to the Board that a Homecoming Kickoff has been planned for Sunday evening, September 19th at the Football Field at 5:00 p.m. and a tailgate party on the 24th at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Football Game.

Horne moved to approve and adopt the 2021-2022 Budget of Receipts & Expenditures as presented. Hobbs seconded the motion. For—Armstrong, Hobbs, Horne, Mahin, Peterson, VanWey. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Armstrong moved to approve the 2021-22 Property Tax Request Resolution requesting that the taxes for the General Fund be set at \$0.801124 (\$2,958,641) and for the Special Building Fund at \$0.082053 (\$303,030). This will be a total tax asking of \$0.883177 per \$100 of assessed valuation. VanWey seconded the motion. For—Armstrong, Hobbs, Horne, Mahin, Peterson, VanWey. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Mahin moved to approve the Property and Liability Insurance through the GTA Insurance Group and Risk Administration Services. Peterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to approve contracts and set wages for the Elementary and Secondary Principals as presented. Armstrong seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Mahin moved to recognize the RCEA as the exclusive bargaining agent for the 2023-24 school year. VanWey seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Horne moved to approve Nichole Lockhart, Hannah Rupprecht and Gwynn Brown as Local Substitute teachers for the Red Cloud Community Schools. Hobbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. in the Red Cloud Elementary Library. There being no further business, Mr. Armstrong declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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