

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Budget Hearing Minutes
Monday, September 17, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Elementary Music Room

Roll Call of Attendance: Mr. Draeger, Mr. Kaltenberg, Mrs. Loeb, Mr. Swanson, Ms. O'Neil,
and Mrs. Roehl

Member Absent: Mrs. McCaffery

Also Present: District Administrator Michael Garvey, Principal/Director of Pupil Services Kris Blakeley,
Principal Eric Ranzen, Board Secretary, Carolyn Anderson, JCEA Rep Ken Johnson, JCESA
Rep. Charissa Sloviak, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, Building and Grounds
Director Dan Fischer, Melissa Lampe, Les Gray and Don Battenberg

The 2012 Budget Hearing was part of the September 17, 2012 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

This is an excerpt from the Board Meeting Minutes which contains the actions taken during the budget hearing:

Conduct the Annual Budget Hearing

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

Moved by Loeb/Draeger to waive the reading of the minutes from the September 19, 2011 Annual Meeting and accept them as printed. Motion carried.

Report by Dr. Garvey:

Dr. Garvey reported that the school year 2011/12 was a pretty good year. We continue to see strong student numbers. The budget is based on about a five student increase. The Board of Education has spent many hours working on our employee manual. We have added another Kindergarten section and maintained all of our other positions. There is a recommendation from the Sites Committee for the Board to select an Architectural Firm as we continue to look at our school needs.

Our student population continues to increase. We have added new staff over the summer. The sixth graders began in Fall as Middle School students for the first time. There is a new modified block schedule in place at the middle/high school. Curriculum updates continue to be significant, setting new bench marks, continuing to reduce areas of deficiency and unneeded duplication and identification of areas of remediation through data mining.

All of the space in the buildings is being used efficiently. We continue to update technology. With new class areas developed, additional smart boards were installed. Additional mini computers have been

ordered for check out by students. Laptops are replacing computers for staff members to give more flexibility. A new wireless system will be installed in the Elementary building. The band width will be increased soon.

We have done a few classroom makeovers. The chemistry room now has a separate classroom from the lab and the Middle/High School Art Room is in process of being redone.

The financial health of the District –we continue to pay down the unfunded liability. We have about \$135,000 balance there. Last school year, no short term borrowing was needed. We have no additional debt.

We are working on getting numbers for our biggest cost savings which was our change in insurance.

Dr. Garvey presented the budget. For 2011-12 school year, the District incurred no short-term debt borrowing for cash flow purposes. Our 2011-12 ending Fund Balance is approximately 23% of the General Fund. This healthy Fund Balance is also important when we seek a bond rating for building or remodeling. The mill rate is set at 9.64 for 2012-13.

At the conclusion of the Budget Hearing, motion by O'Neil/Swanson to recess the Board meeting in order to convene the Annual Meeting.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Board meeting resumed.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Carolyn Anderson,
Administrative Assistant