

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK  
**Budget Hearing Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Elementary Music Room**

School Board President Kellie Loeb called the meeting to order.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Duane Draeger, Rick Kaltenberg, Carol O'Neil, Richard Wensch, and Kellie Loeb

Board Members Absent: June McCaffery and Andrew Swanson

Also Present: District Administrator Michael Garvey, Principal/Director of Pupil Services Kris Blakeley, Principal Cale Vogel, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, Administrative Assistant Becky Stewart, Don Battenberg, Tina Roehl, and Les Gray

Dr. Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted Pursuant to § 19.84(1) Wis. Statutes.

Motion by Wensch/Kaltenberg to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion Carried.

### **Conduct the Annual Budget Hearing**

President Kellie Loeb appointed Becky Stewart to be the secretary of the Budget Hearing and Annual meeting.

Moved by Wensch/Draeger to waive the reading of the minutes from the September 24, 2013 Annual Budget Hearing Meeting and accept them as printed. Motion carried.

Report by Dr. Garvey:

2013-2014 was another good year in the Johnson Creek School District. We continue to see strong numbers as we head into the 2014 school year. The anticipation of the construction of a new school continues to feed the growth of the District and has rejuvenated our educational community. Johnson Creek is in a better situation than most Districts.

We are serving approximately 670 students in our EC-12 grade programs. We welcomed 6 new staff for this school year. Four of the positions replaced teachers who left for other opportunities. A few new positions were created in order to meet our growing population needs and because of our continued efforts to provide cutting edge instruction. We added a second grade position to maintain our small class sizes and added an additional Middle School science position to provide three core teachers in each subject – Historical Literacy, Math, and now Science.

We have seen a tremendous change in curriculum, but most importantly a change in instructional practice. We are showing improvement in student achievement on our MAP (measures of academic progress testing and on our state assessments. Our District and our elementary school continue to meet state standards. Just a few short years ago the Middle School/High School was a school which was named a focus school. This year the Middle School/High School achieved an Exceeds Standards rating on our state report card.

In the 2013-14 school year and included in the budget we continue to work on updating curriculum, setting and meeting benchmarks, reducing areas of deficiency and unneeded duplication, identification of areas of remediation through data mining, and educating students at their academic level and not an arbitrary level based upon age. We have continued to maintain the building and use the space most efficiently while we work on the new school facilities approved last spring and financially we have stayed afloat even through some of the toughest times.

We have continued to improve our equipment and facilities. All our instructional spaces have SMART BOARDS and chrome books/mini laptops and/or I-pads. This places us at nearly one-to-one computing in grades k-12 in all core subject areas. Laptops are replacing desktops for our staff giving a greater flexibility. Our buildings have wireless network which is handling the increase in technology use. A new phone system in the elementary school is scheduled to go live tomorrow.

The long term referendum debt was retired 4 years ago. We paid off the state trust fund loan during this past school year, which was a year early and placed us debt free. We end the year with the new school referendum approved debt as our only debt. 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/Kaltenberg to adjourn the Budget Hearing in order to conduct the Annual Meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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