

OFFICIAL MINUTES, BUDGET HEARING
BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT NO. 13

Monday – September 19, 2016

ESU #13 Center – 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE

President Ray Richards called the budget hearing to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 19, 2016, at the ESU #13 Center, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2016-2017 budget for the operation of ESU #13 in accordance with state statute. Hearing was governed by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted. Previous public notice was given in the Star-Herald on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Budget Document was uploaded to the ESU #13 website on Friday, September 9, 2016.

Present: Steve Diemoz, Pat Dobry, Patricia Jones, Bill Knapper, Kim Marx, Tom Millette, Ray Richards, Mark Sinner, Rosalene Tollman, Marilyn Wimmer, Dr. Jeff West-Administrator, Jodi Walker-Business Manager, Doris Christensen-Clerk/Treasurer. Guest: Scott Marsh, Kerry Mehling.

Absent: Don Egging.

The following proposed 2016-2017 budget was presented and discussed:

Revenue:

Beginning Balances, 9-1-16	\$ 5,911,768.30
Personal and Real Property Taxes	1,810,471.83
Federal Receipts	7,089,559.00
State Receipts	2,432,729.03
Local Receipts	<u>4,713,816.14</u>
Total Resources Available	\$21,958,344.30

Disbursements:

Operating Expenses	\$15,887,841.00
Bonded Indebtedness	<u>158,735.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$16,046,576.00
Cash Reserve	\$ 5,911,768.30

Chairman requested comments from the public regarding support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2016-2017 budget for the operation of ESU #13 in accordance with state statute.

Comments in opposition. Terry Jessen spoke in opposition to:

- amount of interest listed in outstanding bonded indebtedness portion of the budget document;
- 2% delinquent tax allowance listed in property tax recap portion of the budget document;
- prohibitive tax request asking; and

- excessive cash reserve

Mr. Jessen presented a petition to the Chairman of the Board requesting that the Board of Directors not approve any budget that has a larger tax request than the prior year's tax request.

Vera Morgan spoke in opposition to:

- increased taxes

Chairman noted that comments would be taken into consideration for the next budget year.

No action taken. Chairman declared budget hearing closed.

President

Secretary