

Minutes

At 12:00 p.m. Chair Jennifer Brumley, called the meeting to order. Trustees Rebecca Smith, Casey Morrisroe, Lisa May and Tambra Pickford were present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Morrisroe to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mrs. Smith, passed 5-0.

Enrollment Numbers/Preliminary Tax Rate: Finance Director Katie Ebner shared that the enrollment numbers for the first three days against the same numbers from last year. The largest increase is at the elementary level; totals for both secondary and elementary have increased by an average of 211 students. She shared the computation based on a state worksheet using the ADA (Average Daily Attendance). The Emergency Levy Meeting slides will be posted on the District website. Mr. Morrisroe asked if attendance from last year was enrollment or attendance. The calculation used attendance last year but included blended learning student numbers. Mrs. May was concerned with attendance vs. enrollment data. Mrs. Ebner will send the data to the Board.

The amount the District could qualify for is \$1,146,210 million for an emergency levy. Some needs identified are:

- As reported in budget meetings through the spring, the District Budget is in a \$6.1 million deficit that is being backfilled by federal COVID relief funds.
- Any amount of an emergency levy would give the District a chance at a more gradual budget reset.
- Due to the way the state has cut funding this year and last, the District is looking to their federal ESSER funding to balance the operations budget.
- Unfunded annual staffing cost increases.

Mrs. Ebner shared the Levy Rate Comparison Certifying Full Emergency Levy formulas. Even with Emergency Levy, there is a projected decrease in the Tax Rate for TY2021. The preliminary numbers estimate drop to \$1.63 per 1,000 of taxable assessed value from \$1.79.

Administration recommends certifying an emergency levy of \$1,146,210 million. This affects the average taxpayer roughly \$35 per years and may close some of the gap in our District deficit, freeing up ESSER funding for future allocation.

Chair Brumley and Trustees Morrisroe, Pickford, May and Smith all realize this is a hard decision as the District does need to back fill the deficit to balance the District budget, but they all agree they can't support the levy this year.

Emergency Levy 2021-22 School Year: No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Jennifer Brumley, Chair
Board of Trustees

Pam Westberg, Acting Clerk
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