

TAX BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Education of Franklin City Schools met for the Tax Budget Hearing at the Hampton Bennett Board Conference Room on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Raleigh, Mrs. Wolfenbarger, Mr. Sizemore, Dr. Sander, Mrs. Bellamy, Mr. Cozad, Mr. Hatfield, Ben Mersch, Peggy Darragh-Jeromos and Andy Anderson

Mr. Knipper, Mr. Bales and Mr. McFarland arrived shortly after the hearing began.

Mr. Sizemore, President Pro-tem, declared the Budget Hearing open.

The tax budget is the initial step in the budget planning process for next fiscal year (2015-2016) and calendar year 2016. The tax budget encompasses an 18-month planning period from July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.

The tax budget is required by O.R.C. and must be adopted by January 15. It is considered the "asking" budget to validate necessity of collecting appropriate millage for district operations. After its adoption, the tax budget must be delivered to the county auditor no later than January 20. The Budget Commission is required to review and certify the budget (Official Certificate of Estimated Resources) no later than the first day of March. The Board must formally authorize the levy of taxes via the approval of the Amounts & Rates by the first day of April. The tax budget process is governed by statute to establish the appropriate tax rates for the following tax year. It is a tool used to communicate data by the Board of Education and the Warren County Budget Commission.

Mrs. Bellamy referred to the 1989 School Bond Issue, which was approved by voters for the high school auditorium and building renovations. Sufficient tax collections have been received to retire the debt. The final payment has been made and tax collection has been discontinued on this levy.

This tax budget reflects the figures of our 5-Year Forecast. If you refer to Page 6 of the Tax Budget and look at the last line (Estimated Ending Unencumbered Fund Balance), you will see (10.01). The 5-Year Forecast Line 10.010 is the Fund Balance at June 30 for Certification at the end of each fiscal year. The forecast and tax budget show an estimate of \$929,458 available for certification at 6/30/16.

We have an emergency levy renewal on the February 3, 2015 election. Without the renewal of this levy, the district will have an estimated deficit cash balance (\$1,335,265) at 12/31/16 and an estimated deficit cash balance of (\$2,586,309) at the end of fiscal year 2016-2017 (6/30/17). If the levy is renewed, we expect to avoid any deficits in cash balance through this forecast and would not expect to need additional levy for quite some time.

This emergency levy was originally approved by voters August 2, 2005 (9.79 mills) for operating, warm, safe and dry needs. The levy was renewed in May 4, 2010 (8.9 mills). The renewal millage rate is 8.88 mills, because the millage rate is adjusted so the district does not collect more than the dollar amount approved by voters. The levy collection is the same dollar amount for this renewal request as it was in 2005 (set dollar amount of \$4,068,895).

Mrs. Bellamy said a taxpayer recently asked her why schools continue to ask for renewals of emergency levies when they were intended to be temporary levies (5-years). Mrs. Bellamy replied a different type of levy would cost our taxpayers more money and the school district would not receive any additional revenue.

Two different legislative acts are involved:

1. Tangible Personal Property (TPP) reimbursement – Currently, the district is receiving \$581,787 from the state for TPP revenue replacement (reimbursement of the TPP phase out legislation). If the emergency levy were not renewed, the reimbursement would discontinue with the expiration of the levy at 12/31/15. The revenue loss is the equivalent of 1.4 mills. To make up the lost state revenue, it would cost taxpayers an additional \$49 per year on a home valued at \$100,000.
2. Rollback Credits – Legislation was enacted to discontinue the 10% “Non-business Credit” and the 2.5% “Owner Occupancy Credit” for all levies enacted after August 31, 2013. Rollbacks continue for renewed and continuing levies. By renewing the emergency levy versus a new levy, taxpayers will continue to receive a 12.5% credit on their home taxes. On a home valued at \$100,000, the rollback credits are approximately \$39 annually.

If voters chose to approve a different levy rather than the emergency levy renewal, it would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home over \$88 more per year than the renewal of the emergency levy.

Mrs. Bellamy said the Board of Education is being prudent when considering the effect of legislation on the district’s taxpayers.

Mr. Sizemore, President Pro Tem, asked if there were any questions or further discussions.

Hearing none, Mr. Sizemore adjourned the Tax Budget Hearing at 5:56 p.m.

The Board of Education of Franklin City Schools met for the Organizational Meeting at the Hampton Bennett Board Conference Room on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. An audio recording of the meeting has been made in MP3 format and is available upon request.

Mrs. Raleigh, President Pro-Tem, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Andrew Fleming, Mr. Robert Knipper, Mrs. Lori Raleigh,
Mrs. Rachel Ruppert–Wolfenbarger, Mr. Chris Sizemore

Mr. Sizemore, President Pro-Tem, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

01-15 Mrs. Wolfenbarger made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Raleigh, and the
Agenda board adopted the agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Wolfenbarger, Mrs. Raleigh, Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Knipper, Mr. Sizemore

Nays:

Motion Carried 5-0

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

02-15 President Pro-Tem, Mr. Sizemore, called for nominations for President.
President

Mr. Sizemore nominated Mrs. Raleigh for President. There were no additional nominations; therefore, the nominations were declared closed.

By a majority vote of the Board of Education, Mrs. Lori Raleigh was elected President for 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knipper,
Mrs. Wolfenbarger, Mr. Sizemore

Nays:

Abstaining: Mrs. Raleigh

Motion Carried: 4-0

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

03-15 President Pro-Tem, Mr. Sizemore, called for nominations for Vice-President.
Vice-
President

Mr. Sizemore nominated Mrs. Wolfenbarger for Vice-President. There were no additional nominations; therefore, the nominations were declared closed.

By a majority vote of the Board of Education, Mrs. Wolfenbarger was elected Vice-President for 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Sizemore, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knipper,
Mrs. Raleigh

May 11, 2015	Work Session
May 26, 2015	Regular Meeting (Due to Memorial Day)
June 8, 2015	Work Session
June 22, 2015	Regular Meeting
July 27, 2015	Regular Meeting
August 10, 2015	Work Session
August 24, 2015	Regular Meeting
September 14, 2015	Work Session
September 28, 2015	Regular Meeting
October 12, 2015	Work Session
October 26, 2015	Regular Meeting
November 2, 2015	Work Session (Due to OSBA 11/8-11/11/15)
November 16, 2015	Regular Meeting
December 14, 2015	Work Session

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knipper,
Mr. Sizemore, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

06-15
Official
Newspapers

Mr. Fleming made the motion, seconded by Mr. Sizemore, and the board adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Middletown Journal, Dayton Daily News and the Franklin Chronicle be designated as local newspapers of general circulation for the purposes of legal notices and advertising for 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Fleming, Mr. Sizemore, Mr. Knipper,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

07-15
Federal
Program

Mr. Knipper made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and the board adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent be authorized as the representative of the Board of Education in dealing with all matters relative to Federal Programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Superintendent is authorized to assign administrative duties for Federal Programs and submit the cost therein for payment through funds issued by the Federal Programs budgets.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Knipper, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Sizemore,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

6. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees in times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent acceptance.
7. Appoint the Superintendent as the negotiator for certified and classified negotiations.

BE IT RESOLVED, all Superintendent standing authorizations for 2015 be approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Sizemore, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knipper,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

10-15 Res. Mr. Knipper made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and the board adopted the following resolutions:

1. The board of education as authorized by Section 3313.18, R.C., hereby dispense with the adoption at each regular meeting, beginning January 1, 2015, of resolutions for:
 - a. authorizing the purchase or sale of property, except real estate;
 - b. authorizing the payment of debts or claims, and
 - c. approving warrants for the payment of any claim from school funds.
2. That the board of education dispense with the reading of minutes of each board meeting, if the minutes are delivered to location specified by board members prior to the board meeting.
3. The board of education approves to use advanced monies in 2015 from the Bond Retirement Fund.
4. Authorize the administration to advertise for bids (consistent with O.R.C.) for items included in the appropriations with the provision all bids contain the statement "the board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids."

BE IT RESOLVED, all resolutions for 2015 be approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Knipper, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Sizemore,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

APPOINTMENTS

Legislative Liaison to OSBA

Mrs. Raleigh, President, requested any volunteers to serve as the Franklin Board of Education Legislative Liaison to OSBA. Mr. Fleming volunteered.

Mrs. Raleigh appointed Mr. Fleming Legislative Liaison to OSBA for 2015.

All Board Members affirmed appointment.

Student Achievement Liaison to OSBA

Mrs. Raleigh, President, requested any volunteers to serve as the Franklin Board of Education Student Achievement Liaison to OSBA. Mrs. Wolfinbarger volunteered.

Mrs. Raleigh appointed Mrs. Wolfinbarger Student Achievement Liaison to OSBA for 2015.

All Board Members affirmed appointment.

BOARD SERVICE FUND

11-15
Board
Service
Fund

Mr. Sizemore made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Wolfinbarger, and the board established the Board Service Fund.

Ohio Statute provides for Boards to set aside general fund money in a sum not to exceed \$2.00 for each child enrolled or \$20,000 which ever is greater. The Service Fund is to be used only in paying expenses of board members when the expenses are incurred in the performance of their duties, or of their official representatives. Additionally, the service fund may pay for expenses of members elect while they are in training and/or orientation that will help them in their performance on the Board of Education.

BE IT RESOLVED, that \$6,000 be appropriated for the Board Service Fund for the year 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Sizemore, Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Knipper, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

LAW FIRM

12-15
Legal
Services

Mr. Knipper made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and the board approved 2015 legal services.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Law Firms of Ennis, Roberts, Fischer Co.; and Peck, Schaffer and Williams LLP shall be retained for legal services for the Franklin City School District.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Knipper, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Sizemore,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

13-15
Legal
Assistance
Fund

Mr. Sizemore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Knipper, and the board denied participation in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Sizemore, Mr. Knipper, Mr. Fleming,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion: 5-0

PERSONNEL - SUPERINTENDENT

14-15
Resignation Mrs. Wolfinbarger made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and the board accepted the resignation, for retirement purposes, of Ron Turner, Bus Driver, effective January 5, 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knipper,
Mr. Sizemore, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

15-15
Employ Mr. Sizemore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and the board approved the following employment, effective December 15, 2014:

- Alice Miller – Cashier at Hunter Elementary

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Sizemore, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knipper,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

16-15
Employ Mr. Fleming made the motion, seconded by Mr. Knipper, and the board approved the following classified substitute(s) for 2014-2015:

- Frank Phillippe - All Positions (Not Bus Driver)

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knipper, Mr. Sizemore,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

17-15
Employ Mrs. Wolfinbarger made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and the board approved the following certified substitute(s) for 2014-2015:

- Sandra Tussey – Certified Substitute Nurse

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Knipper,
Mr. Sizemore, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

18-15
Supplemental Mr. Knipper made the motion, seconded by Mr. Sizemore, and the board approved the following certificated supplemental contract for 2014-2015:

- Megan Milne – Elementary Musical Director AS-1 0-0-0

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Knipper, Mr. Sizemore, Mr. Fleming,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

19-15 Mr. Sizemore made the motion, seconded by Mr. Knipper, and the
Resignation board accepted the resignation of Jake Long, as Baseball Coach for
the 2014-2015 season, effective January 5, 2015.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Sizemore, Mr. Knipper, Mr. Fleming,
Mrs. Wolfinbarger, Mrs. Raleigh

Nays:

Motion Carried: 5-0

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Sizemore asked Mr. Hatfield to update the Board on the status of the sewage pumps at the high school.

Mr. Hatfield informed the Board of the problems with the old sewage pumps and the need for replacement of the system. There have been problems with the old pumps in the past and we knew eventually the system would need to be changed. The estimate to fix the old system will determine the time frame in which the system will be upgraded. Mr. Hatfield said this is just one reason the renewal levy is so important. The buildings all have things that need to be repaired or replaced.

Mr. Sizemore praised Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Anderson for dealing with the problem especially with a boys basketball game scheduled for Friday night.

Mr. Sizemore thanked everyone for attending tonight.

Mr. Sizemore congratulated Mrs. Raleigh and Mrs. Wolfinbarger on being President and Vice-President of the Board. I had a great year last year and I hope things go as smoothly again this year.

Mr. Fleming thanked everyone for attending. I would like to thank Mr. Sizemore for his service as President last year. Congratulations to Mrs. Raleigh and Mrs. Wolfinbarger on being chosen as President and Vice-President for the upcoming year.

Mr. Fleming said the levy is important to keep up with the academic growth of our students. The problems with the pumps at the high school is an indication of the need for the upkeep of our buildings as well.

Mr. Knipper congratulated Mrs. Raleigh and Mrs. Wolfinbarger.

Mr. Knipper reminded everyone that we are doing exactly what we promised in regards to asking for the renewal levy. We said when the other levy passed it is still important to pass the renewal. I have had a lot of people ask questions about the need for the renewal. The need hasn't changed or diminished so it's best to pass the levy now instead of later.

Mr. Knipper congratulated the athletes on how well they are doing in the different sports this year. They are representing Franklin very well.

Mrs. Wolfinbarger thanked Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Anderson for their work. I know it wasn't an easy task especially with the weather we had last Friday.

Mrs. Wolfinbarger let everyone know the student at Pennyroyal did receive her service dog over the Winter Break. It was something the whole district worked for and everyone should be very proud of their efforts.

