

Special Meeting of the
BOARD of EDUCATION of the SCHOOL DISTRICT of REEDSBURG
Official notice of meeting given and posted.

October 20, 2011

Central Office Building

7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 — Call to Order: Mr. Balda, Board president, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded for clarity.

Agenda Item 2 — Roll Call: The following Board members were present: Steve Balda, Gary Woolever, John Pearson, Mike Hartje, LuAnn Brey, and Jim Wieczorek. Absent: Shaun Luther. Also present: Tom Benson, District Administrator, Patrick Ruddy, Assistant District Administrator; and Barbara Sand, secretary. Please see sign in sheet for additional attendees.

Agenda Item 3 — Report on Public Notice: Notice of the meeting was given to the Reedsburg Independent, the Reedsburg Times Press, WRDB radio and was posted at the Central Office building, Reedsburg City Hall and the Reedsburg Public Library.

Agenda Item 4 — Consideration, District's Legal Representation: As previously discussed our Attorney Shana Lewis has left the law firm of Lathrop and Clark and has joined the firm of Davis and Kuelthau. As a district we have the option of staying with Lathrop & Clark and being assigned a different attorney or we can follow Shana to her new firm. The administrative recommendation is to follow Shana and do business with Davis and Kuelthau.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Ms. Brey to remain with Shana at Davis and Kuelthau. Motion carried 5-1 with Mr. Wieczorek voting "Nay".

Agenda Item 5 — Consideration, Aramark Contract Renewal: Our current Aramark Contract ends June 30, 2012. Aramark is proposing a 5-year renewal contract, which would run from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017. The current proposal also includes two different incentive options for the district to consider. The Buildings & Grounds Committee has reviewed the proposal in detail and is recommending that we proceed with the renewal as presented but they felt the full Board should decide which of the two incentive options they would prefer.

OPTION 1 – Investment Grant: This option would provide the district with an investment grant of \$125,000 to be used at our discretion.

OPTION 2 – Energy Program: This option would allow Aramark to invest in an Energy Control System to drive energy savings in our district. Aramark would pay for the initial investment and the annual service fees. In return the district and Aramark will share in any savings generated with an 80/20 agreement (the district receiving 80% of the savings generated and Aramark 20% of the savings generated).

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Hartje to renew the Aramark contract for a 5-year period (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017). Motion carried 6-0.

Follow further discussion, motion by Mr. Hartje, second by Mr. Wieczorek to select incentive Option #2 (Energy Program). Motion carried 5-1 with Ms. Brey voting "Nay".

Agenda Item 6 — Approval, Cash Flow Borrowing: A total of four (4) competitive bids were received to assist the district with our short-term cash flow borrowing for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Our analysis indicates a need for \$4,000,000 for 2011-2012 short-term borrowing (the same amount as last year). Short-term cash flow borrowing is used to help offset the month-to-month expenses of the district when payments have not yet been received from one of our revenue sources.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Wieczorek, second by Mr. Pearson to approve the low bid from Reedsburg National Bank for cash flow borrowing of \$4,000,000 at an effective interest rate of 0.63% as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Item 7 — Approval, 2011-2012 Final Budget Revisions: Mr. Ruddy presented information on the final 2011-2012 budget revisions. Our third Friday in September enrollment count increased (due to the addition of both summer school and 4-Year-Old Kindergarten) but our state aid was less than originally anticipated. Our overall revenue limit decreased by 4.5% plus equalized property values decreased by more than 2%.

Motion by Mr. Woolever, second by Mr. Wiczorek to approve the 2011-2012 budgets as follows: General 10 Fund budget of 26,391,380; Special Education 27 Fund budget of \$5,646,467; Debt Service Fund 39 budget of \$1,758,700; Debt Service Fund 38 budget of \$284,220; Food Service 50 Fund budget of \$1,184,740 and the Community Service 80 Fund budget of \$83,036. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Item 8 — Approval, 2011-2012 Tax Levy: Mr. Ruddy also provided an update on the school tax levy using the state required Revenue Limit, Equalized Aid and the district's Property Values. The budget carries a property tax levy of \$13,756,446, which is a 1.70% increase over last year. Coupled with the 2.39% decrease in equalized property values, the mill rate for the 2011-2012 school tax levy will be \$9.89 per thousand dollars of property value, which is an increase of \$0.40 over last year.

Following discussion, motion by Mr. Pearson, second by Mr. Hartje to certify a 2011-2012 property tax levy in the amount of \$13,756,446, which will cause a mill rate of \$9.89 per \$1,000 of equalized property value. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Item 9 — Adjourn: There being no further business, motion by Mr. Wiczorek, second by Mr. Woolever to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Balda declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Mike Hartje, Clerk
Barbara Sand, Recorder