

MINUTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING HELD FOR
PROPOSED 09-10 STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET

President Tom Nieveen opened the budget hearing at 7:30 p.m. on August 10, 2009 as advertised in the Tecumseh Chieftain and Hickman Voice News. Board members present included: Mike Hestermann, Andrea Heusman, Dottie Heusman, Tom Nieveen, Paul Saathoff, and Cheri Wirthele. Others present included Ann Wickett, Principal Greg Peterson and Superintendent Larry Harnisch.

Superintendent Harnisch reviewed the proposed budget of \$2,669,592 which represented \$315,716 over the 08-09 budget. The necessary cash reserve was set at \$500,000 and projected state aid to be received was \$408,744.89. The fact that teacher salary negotiations are not completed as of this date and the district is scheduled to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds were reasons for the larger than normal increase in budget of expenditures. The bond fund will require \$115,000 principal, \$93,727.50 interest, \$130,900 in fees & cash reserve for a total of \$339,627.50. The county treasurer's will be certifying assessed valuation for school districts around August 20th and at that time the exact property tax levy required will be determined.

After a discussion and few questions the public hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

MINUTES FROM REGULAR AUGUST 10, 2009
STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Board of Education of the Sterling Public School District met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. following the public hearing on the proposed budget for 09-10 as advertised in the Tecumseh Chieftain and Hickman Voice News. Board members present included: Mike Hestermann, Andrea Heusman, Dottie Heusman, Tom Nieveen, Paul Saathoff, and Cheri Wirthele. Others present included Ann Wickett, Principal Greg Peterson and Superintendent Larry Harnisch.

In the administrative reports Principal Peterson reported the beginning of the school year and teacher in-service that is scheduled for August 13 & 14. Superintendent Harnisch talked about (a) Installation of heat pump in library and upcoming NASB Area Membership meeting Sept. 16th at Beatrice.

Under board reports the Negotiations Committee reported on status of teacher salary negotiations and request from teachers that we wait until more area schools are settled before meeting again.

In action items, the board made the following decisions:

- a. Amended the 08-09 Activities Fund Budget to reflect receipts of \$130,000 and expenditures of \$126,370. Both changes will not affect the General Fund Budget for 08-09.
- b. Approved the 09-10 District Budget as published showing expenditures of \$3,169,591.61 requiring a property tax request of \$1,573,786.04 in the General fund and expenditures in the Bond Fund of \$339,627.50 requiring a property tax request of \$201,267.25 for the Bond Fund.
- c. Reaffirmed board policy "1500 Parent Involvement Policy" as required.
- d. Suspended the meeting and held a Student Fees Public Hearing. The district collected \$2,080 and disbursed the same amount for student activities during the 08-09 school year. After answering all questions the public hearing was closed.

- e. Approved continued membership agreement as a member of the NASB Medicaid Consortium.
- f. Updated and approved 1st reading on the following board policies:
 - i. 1101 “Community Relations – Use of School Facilities”
 - ii. 5001 “Students – Admission Requirements –Birth Certificate... Immunization...”
 - iii. 5006 “Option Enrollment”
 - iv. 6212 “Instruction – Assessments & Academic Content Standards.”
 - v. 8232 “Internal Board Policies/Personnel.”
 - vi. 8261 “Internal Board Policies/Conflict of Interest.”
- g. Went into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:40 & came out at 9:44 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9th at 7:30 p.m.

President Tom Nieveen adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.