

MINUTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING HELD FOR
SETTING PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOL

President Tom Nieveen opened the budget hearing at 7:30 p.m. on September 9, 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 reported that the official assessed evaluation for the school district for 2009-10 was set at 148,200,816 compared to 138,753,592 for 2008-09.

	2009-10	2008-09
Johnson County	117,946,802	110,931,359
Otoe	<u>30,254,014</u>	<u>27,822,233</u>
TOTAL	148,200,816	138,753,592.

The property tax dollars requested for the General Fund is \$1,573,786.04 and for the Bond Fund \$201,367.25 Using the official assessed evaluation for the district it appears that the levy will decrease by \$0.0575/100 assessed evaluation when the county board sets the school district property tax levy. This was made possible by the increase in State Aid this school year over that received for 08-09.

	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
General Fund Tax Dollar Request	1,517,643	1,573,786.04
Bond Fund Tax Dollar Request	223,947	201,267.25
PROJECTED TAX LEVY		
General Fund Property Tax Levy	1.0938/100 Eval.	1.0619/100 Eval.
Bond Fund Proper Tax Levy	0.1614/100 Eval.	0.1358/100 Eval.
 TOTAL	 1.2552/100 Eval.	 1.1977/100 Eval.

After a discussion and few questions the public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

MINUTES FROM REGULAR SEPTEMBER 9, 2009
STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Board of Education of the Sterling Public School District met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. following the public hearing to set the property tax request for the 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.

Approval was given on the consent agenda as presented with an itemized listing of expenses following this summary.

In the administrative reports Principal Peterson reported on: (a) September & October activity calendar, (b) ACT Scores for the last 10 years, (c) Teacher Learning Teams studying local data

rather than reading professional book this school year, (d) Response To Intervention in-service attended. Superintendent Harnisch reported on: (a) ACT Scores, (b) Elementary Assembly – September 18th on Bullying. (c) Teacher In-services in Aug. & Sept., (d) NSAA & U.S. Cellular recognized Sterling Boys as 6th overall in the boys division, (e) Contracts with Presto-X, (f) Participation in EHA health insurance plan, (g) Exploring program titled PaySchools, (h) Auditors will be reviewing 08-09 records on September 17th and presenting an oral report at the October 13th board meeting, (i) Some interest has been raised concerning the possibility of cooping boys golf for 09-10. Supt. was directed to get more definite information.

The Board Negotiations Committee reported that no meetings had been held with the Teachers negotiation committee since last month. The teachers committee would like to wait until more area schools are settled before meeting again.

In action items, the board made the following decisions:

- a. Set the 2009-10 Property Tax Request at \$1,573,786.04 for the General Fund and \$201,267.25 for the Bond fund as published.
- b. Approved on 2nd reading 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.”
- c. Approved on 1st reading board policy “5414 Anti Bullying.”

The board held a short discussion on procedures to follow concerning any H1N1 flu outbreak. The district will follow the recommendations as laid out by the local Health Department.

Because of activity conflicts the next regular meeting for the Sterling Public School District Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:30 p.m.

President Tom Nieveen adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.