

Sandhills Public Schools

Minutes of Special Board Budget Retreat
High School Lecture Hall Dunning, NE

August 21, 2023
7:00 p.m.

“The mission of Sandhills Public Schools is to provide quality education in a safe, respectful, equitable and inclusive environment to develop productive citizens for an ever-changing global society.”

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1. Called to Order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Open Meetings Act – adhered to and posted
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Attendance – Tedd Teahon (Pres.), Tyson Cox (Vice Pres.), Jeff Martindale (Sec.), Michelle Milleson (Treas.), Reed Larsen, Rory Zutavern, and J.D. Furrow (Superintendent)
 - d. Per Policy 204.07 – reasonable advanced notification was made of the meeting
3. Review of Budget Retreat Packet
 - a. Mr. Furrow led the discussion of the financial information in the budget packet and the board made comparisons to other districts in our area and to our districts past budgets.
4. Discussion on Strategic Plan and Taxing Philosophy
 - a. The board discussed projects that are planned but have not yet been financed. The board also discussed potential unforeseen facility expenses and analyzed how we would be able to fund those situations. Mr. Furrow shared his taxing philosophy for this year and in the future.
5. Mr. Furrow presented the board with 2 options. Each option would raise the total tax asking 2.15%. The first option would put the additional funds into the special building fund and the second option would put the funds into the general fund. With the 2.15% increase the overall levy for the district will drop approximately 1%. The board discussed other potential scenarios, but in the end decided on the first option.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Official Meeting Notice:

The board of education of Sandhills Public Schools will meet Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 in the Lecture Hall at the high school in Dunning, Nebraska. The board will have a special budget hearing at 7:00, following the special budget hearing will be a special tax request hearing. Following the special hearings the board will have the regular September board meeting. These and all meetings are open to the public. Agendas are kept continually current and available for public inspection in the Superintendent's Office during regular business hours with reasonable notice.

Respectfully Submitted,

J.D. Furrow (Administrator)