

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIB LAKE BUDGET HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2014 7:00 P.M. ELEMENTARY MUSIC ROOM

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Blomberg, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Chairperson: Scott Everson nominated Jerry Blomberg for Chairperson of the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. Rollie Thums seconded. Being no other nominations, Rollie Thums made a motion to cast a ballot for Blomberg, George Zondlo seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Approval of minutes of Annual meeting October 28, 2013. Pat Gilge made a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of October 28, 2013. Joan Magnuson seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Financial Report and Audit Summary for 2013-2014. Administrator Manion stated the purpose of an Annual Meeting, provided a summary of the district financial status, and stressed the importance of student achievement. She discussed the work that was done on the district Mission Statement and Core Values and explained that she has a survey that has been put in different areas and she would like the public to complete.

Presentation of and Hearing on Proposed Budget for 2014-2015. The proposed budget was presented by Administrator Manion.

Chairperson Blomberg explained the process of voting on the resolutions and stated that a motion and a second was needed for each. Discussion would be allowed followed by a voice vote.

Resolution A (General Fund Levy) Pat Gilge made a motion to levy a tax of \$1,929,202 for the 2014-15 General Fund. Mike Thums seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Craig Scheithauer voiced his displeasure with the Board of Education stating that the Board always use the excuse "we cannot dip into the Fund Balance." He cannot understand this reasoning as the Fund Balance has doubled. He doesn't feel that this is an honest way to approach the staff and there is still no salary schedule. Tom Rusch asked about current teaching openings and wondered if the lack of applications was a reflection of how people look at the opportunity of employment in this district. Bob Rusch asked if the Board was addressing the salary and benefit issue. Chairperson Blomberg answered that the Board cannot exceed 1.46% CPI increase.

Resolution B (Debt Service levy) – Mike Thums made a motion to levy a tax of \$692,556, which includes \$51,806 for Fund 38 (Non-Referendum Debt) and \$640,750 for Fund 39 (Referendum Debt) for the 2014-2015 Debt Service Fund. Scott Everson seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution C (Community Service levy) – Rollie Thums made a motion to levy a tax of \$22,500 (Fund 80) for the 2014-2015 Community Service Fund. Joan Magnuson seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution D (School lunches and breakfasts) Pat Gilge made a motion to approve providing school lunches, and breakfast to pupils and appropriate funds for that purpose. Garrett Anderson seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution E (Textbooks) – Craig Scheithauer made a motion to authorize the district to provide free textbooks. Steve Martin seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

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Resolution F (**Student insurance**) – George Zondlo made a motion to authorize the purchase of student accident insurance with district funds. Mike Thums seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution G (**Borrowing**) – Joan Magnuson made a motion to authorize the district to borrow money for cash flow purposed per requirements of WI State Statute (section 67.12). Steve Martin seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution H (**Lease of property and sale/disposal of property and items**) – Scott Everson made a motion to authorize the district to leased property to another party, and to sell and /dispose of property/items not needed by the district. Pat Gilge seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution I (**Legal actions**) – Craig Scheithauer made a motion to authorize prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding in which the School District is interested. Both Bob and Tom Rusch questioned this. They stated they did not like this motion and could not vote for it. Rollie Thums seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote with 2 “no” votes.

Resolution J (**Vehicle acquisition**) – Motion was made by Scott Everson to authorize the purchase and operation of vehicles and/or finance contracts for use and services of transportation vehicles. George Zondlo seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution K (**Board member compensation**) – Motion was made by Mike Thums to set board members’ salaries as \$65 per meeting for the president and clerk and \$55 for the remaining members and include payment of travel costs incurred in the performance of their duties. Pat Gilge seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution L (**Annual meeting date**) – Motion was made by Rick Cardey to set the 2015 Annual Meeting for 6:00 P.M. on the 4th Monday in October. After a discussion, Rick Cardey changed the motion to 7:00 P.M on 10/26/15. Joan Magnuson seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Tom Rusch asked to be heard and proceeded to pass out papers. He stated that he was a strong supporter of Public Schools and decided it was time to collect facts regarding Finances and State Aid. Pat Tlusty questioned a few of the facts.

Bob Rusch distributed a LaCrosse Tribune article about Voucher Schools, highlighting how the state funds these schools. Craig Scheithauer stated he wished the Board of Education would stand up and let the government know where we stand.

Rollie Thums questioned where we are regarding the bus situation. Chairperson Blomberg gave a brief summary.

Joelle Scheithauer gave the Elementary Staff a big “pat” on the back for stepping in and paying for a child’s lunch. The child’s parents wrote a letter thanking them.

Seeing no further business, Chairperson Blomberg thanked everyone for attending. Rollie Thums made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting at 8:46 P.M. Steve Martin seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by
Marlene A. Rymer – Board Clerk