

On Monday, August 8, 2016 the Nemaha Central school board met for the 2016-17 budget hearing followed by the regular monthly meeting.

The 2016-17 budget is expected to remain much the same as the prior year in expenditures and mill levies. Due to an increase in assessed valuation, the same mill levy will generate more dollars for the supplemental general fund. Because of the two-year block grant in the general fund, the revenue and expenditures will remain flat in the general fund. The additional \$55,000 budget authority in the supplemental general fund will be used to offset increased costs in salaries, supplies, and utilities in the general fund.

The mill levy for the general fund is set by State statute at 20 mills. The supplemental general fund mill levy will increase .027 from 14.161 to 14.188. The bond and interest mill levy which is assessed only on the prior USD 442 tax base will decrease .006 from 6.947 to 6.941.

As per K.S.A. 72-8254, the following documents are published on the district website – www.usd115.org.

- Form 151 – estimated legal maximum general fund budget
- Budget at a Glance
- One-page budget summary

In addition, Code 99 is also posted on the website. This form shows the maximum budget authority and mill levy for all funds.

Once on the website, choose “Financial Information” at the top of the page and select the document you wish to view.

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The regular board meeting was called to order immediately following the budget hearing. With the start of school quickly approaching, several staff changes were approved. Resignations were accepted from: Erica Sudbeck and Sherri Wilson – NCEMS classroom aides and Chris Garber, cook. Contracts were approved for: Marya Haverkamp – NCHS Science; Kelsey Scism – NCMS Language Arts, .59 time; Karen Chadwick – NCEMS classroom aide; Kristen Rottinghaus – NCEMS special education paraprofessional; and Sarah Hiltgen – NCHS cheer sponsor. Following an executive session at the end of the meeting, members approved a full time teaching contract for Maggie Hasenkamp. Courtney Carpenter was approved as a member of the NCEMS Site Council.

Members approved publication of the Two-Year Property Tax Review as required by K.S.A. 79-2925b which is required if the amount of taxes levied increases 0.125 percent over the prior year. The amount of taxes levied increased 8.95% over last

year, not because of an increase in the mill levy but because the assessed valuation on which the mill levy is charged increased.

Board policies as recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards were approved. Also approved were changes to the high school handbook including the addition of a “Bullying” policy.

Changes to the Paraprofessional Procedures & Conduct as recommended by Director Shana Steinlage, were approved.

Following the presentation and discussion of a photo finish track timer system at a cost of \$13,185, members agreed to wait until later in the year when track season is closer and the district is further along in the budget.

Supt. Kohlman presented updates and suggestions in the review of the Strategic Plan. Mr. Kohlman reported that he has contacted AHRS to look over the high school building for suggestions for building renovations. Once suggestions are made, a walk-through by HTK Architects will be scheduled.

He then presented drawings for a proposed 20' x 100' addition to the bus storage building. The estimated cost is at least \$75,000. Supt. Kohlman requested permission to advertise for invitation to bid the addition with bids due Friday, September 30. Motion was made and seconded to authorize Supt. Kohlman to solicit bids for the building addition with bids due Friday, September 30. The motion carried with all in attendance voting in favor.

Mr. Kohlman then presented a proposal to add a sidewalk along the street side of the gravel parking lot east of the football field at an estimated cost of \$10,090. Following discussion, it was the consensus of board members to include this project with the track timer system to be reviewed later in the year.

Members reviewed the Agriculture, Food Natural Resources Career Cluster Design which includes the pathways and classes that would be options in a FFA program. The information highlighted classes that are similar to what Nemaha Central currently offers, those classes that we have qualified staff to teach, and those that are currently offered. Supt. Kohlman stated that Introductory classes have to be taught by a certified Vo Ag teacher.

Members then viewed a live stream explaining a mobile phone app called Apptegy. The mobile app would replace the current website contract and allow users to access alerts, and other tools to connect with the school. The fee structure presented was for an initial cost of \$10,704 and an annual renewal of \$5,370. No action was taken on the purchase of the app.

Two minor changes were approved to the school calendar. October 25 will be changed from a full day for students to early dismissal at 11:30 with no lunch and the remainder of the day for teacher work time. January 3 will be a full work day for teachers and include no inservice time.

Miscellaneous items approved were: a fuel rotation schedule, an anonymous donation of \$25.15 for NCEMS, and payment of claims.