

BOARD BRIEFS
*Highlights of the
Public Hearing – 2021 Levy
and the Regular Meeting
December 15, 2021*

Public Hearing:

PRESENTATION: 2021 Levy:

Superintendent, Mr. Josh DeLong, reviewed the Levy with the board. It is anticipated that the tax rate will stay steady or go down some from last year once the final EAV numbers from the assessor are released.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment on the 2021 Levy.

Regular Meeting:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Engelman, was not present at tonight's meeting, so Mr. DeLong discussed the following:

- Attendance report
- Discipline report

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mr. Josh DeLong discussed the following:

- Library – we have added photos to the walls and some cosmetic work has been done with the money donated from old yearbook sales.
- Squad Room – this room is up and running for the basketball season.
- Café – finishing touches have been completed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- New courses for next year were discussed. Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman have been working with the teachers for a couple of months to make these changes. The new CTE and STEAM courses are being for with grant funds.
- Triple I Conference Reports - Board members discussed the recent Annual School Board Conference that was held in Chicago on Nov. 19-21. All members attended this year.
- Superintendent search update - Mr. DeLong updated on the board on the current applicants and a tentative timeline was discussed for interviews and final board approval. It is anticipated that the new superintendent will be approved at the February 16 board meeting.
- Non-Mandated curriculum options for 2022-2023 – Recent state legislation (SB 818) The Keeping Youth Safe and Healthy Act creates new standards for personal health and safety standards. These standards are controversial and progressive in nature. School districts do not have to adopt these voluntary standards. If the board does adopt the standards, they would go into place for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. DeLong recommended that we do not adopt them at this time.
- Robin Schwartz Attorney fee increases – They have not raised their rates in 3 years.
- Co-op discussion with Dwight High School – Dwight has been in discussions with us about bringing GSW back into the football coop. Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman have met with interested students to

discuss logistics, etc. Coach Standiford and Coach Thompson from Dwight recently met with the interested players as well. There are conversations happening about what it would take to make a potential coop better and stronger for both schools than it was before it was disbanded 3 years ago.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve the 2021 Tax Levy
- Approve the Certificate of Compliance with Truth & Taxation
- Appoint the Superintendent to review closed session minutes
- First Reading of Press Policy 108
- First Reading of Paraprofessional job descriptions
- Approve the District Bullying Policy
- Approve new courses for 2022-2023 as presented: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math), SEL (Social Emotional Learning), RUSH (Recent US History), Integrated Science, Public Speaking / SPEECH, Business Entrepreneurship and Accounting.

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