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Watertown Unified School District***

Public Hearing /Special Board Meeting Proceedings

October 16, 2017

A Public Budget Hearing/Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Mark Putra, on Monday, October 16, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Educational Service Center, 111 Dodge Street, Watertown, WI. Mark Putra led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bakke, Ron Buchanan, Mark Holland, Steve Kauffeld, Tony Arnett, Fran Milburn, Paul VanDenLangenberg, and Mark Putra

Board Members Absent: Karrie Uttech

Public Input: None

Reading of Notice of Budget Hearing

Board President Mark Putra read the following statement: Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Watertown Unified School District that the budget hearing will be held at the Educational Service Center, 111 Dodge Street, Watertown, Wisconsin, on Monday the 16th day of October, 2017, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Introductory Comments and Public Hearing on Budget

Brittany Altendorf, Director of Business Services, presented details of the proposed operational budget for the 2017/18 school year.

- Estimated residential enrollment numbers for 2017/18 are 3,855 down 43 students from last year's enrollment. The final 3rd Friday in September count will be reflected in the budget adoption at the October Board of Education Meeting.
- Estimated Operational Revenue and Expenditure Budget is \$50,936,771, which shows a 2.37% increase from last year's amount.
- Estimated State Aid is \$23,292,322 which shows a .21% decrease from last year's amount or \$49,521.
- Estimated Tax Levy is \$17,510,885 which shows a 5.39% increase compared to last year's amount of \$16,614,767.
- Watertown's estimated Mill Rate is \$9.08 which shows no increase from last year's rate.
- Over the past nine years, WUSD has spent an average of \$1,028 per member less than the state average.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions on the proposed budget and to share their comments.

Ron Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Paul VanDenLangenberg to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Input: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, it was moved by Ron Buchanan, seconded by Paul VanDenLangenberg, and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Putra
Board President (signed)

(Disclaimer: These minutes are uncorrected and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the meeting at which they are approved.)