

Minutes

Special Meeting of the Board of Education - Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing Unified School District No. 473, Chapman, KS

August 20, 2024

Betsy Edwards, School Board President, called the RNR Hearing to order at 7:30 am at the Education Center located at 822 N. Marshall, Chapman, KS.

Other Board Members Present: Kelly Kuntz, Brenda Edleston, Dana Obermeyer and Jessica Murphy (Jennifer Elliott was on Zoom) (Adam Elliott was not present)

**Also Present: Kevin Suther – Superintendent, Michele Sutter - Board Clerk
Patrons: Steve Ring and Judy Blixt**

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Dana Obermeyer seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing

President Betsy Edwards officially opened the public RNR hearing at 7:30am.

The Board Clerk will administer a roll call vote at the end of the hearing in which each Board member will cast their vote on the RNR Resolution. Each Board member will cast a vote for Yes or No.

Superintendent Suther explained how the RNR works when it relates to the 20 mills for the General Fund and the combination of the other funds involving Capital Outlay, Bond & Interest and the Local Option Budget.

The RNR for the other funds (LOB, Capital Outlay & Bond) together has an RNR of 28.910 but the 2024-25 taxed mills will be at 32.295. This is an increase of 3.385 mills. The General Fund is set for all schools in the state of Kansas at 20 mills. The evaluation increased in these areas for Assessed Valuations:

23-24 Capital \$114,974,785 and 24-25 \$116,144,618

23-24 All Other Funds \$115,380,293 and 24-25 \$116,144,618

The overall mills for 2023-24 was 49.094 and the 2024-25 proposed overall mills will be at 52.295. The new tax law allowing for \$75,000 on a home to be deducted before taxation occurs has helped patrons pay less this year on the District General Fund. The District is also reducing the Bond & Interest mills from last year to help lower taxes.

The public was given time to make comments. A couple questions were asked about non-resident enrollment procedures and how that funding worked along with per pupil funding amounts.

Kelly Kuntz made the motion to exceed the RNR for the 2024-25 school year. Brenda Edleston seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

A roll call vote was administered by the Board clerk to each Board member for their individual vote for the RNR resolution and was recorded as follows:

Betsy Edwards - Yes

Kelly Kuntz - Yes

Brenda Edleston - Yes

Jennifer Elliott - Yes

Jessica Murphy - Yes

Dana Obermeyer - Yes

Adam Elliott - Absent

Adjournment

Brenda Edleston made the motion to adjourn. Jessica Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned - 7:43 am

Betsy Edwards, School Board President

Michele Sutter, Board Clerk