

**Special Meeting
August 27, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Bonner at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Jason Bonner, Kevin Godfrey, Leah Cooper, Kent Thigpen, Ned Fratangelo, J.P. Abernathy, and Bobby Langbartels.

District personnel present: Rob Barnwell, Mike Wood, Dr. Tim Phy, Debra Hall, and Jay Patrick.
Others present: Bob Palmer, Ashley Motley, Cory Motley, and Mason Motley.

Mr. Abernathy gave the invocation.

Mr. Bonner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Campus and administrative reports were given at this time. Dr. Phy introduced Ms. Ashley Motley, who will be serving as the junior high nurse. Mr. Barnwell gave the board an update on the district's enrollment and the elementary classroom construction, along with the new roof at the high school, which is well underway.

District Nurse, Debra Hall, explained the need for the agenda item which included new policies related to the administration of medicines in emergency situations (Narcan and Epinephrine). There were a couple of questions from board members, and following more explanation from Nurse Hall, Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the policies as presented and recommended. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Abernathy. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Fratangelo, seconded by Mr. Godfrey, to approve the consent agenda (previous minutes and budget amendments, which were explained by Mr. Wood.) Motion carried, 7-0.

There was no one present for the Public Hearing agenda item regarding the proposed 2019-20 budget and tax rates.

Mr. Wood provided some information regarding the proposed 19-20 budget document. There was a short discussion, as Mr. Wood indicated that the proposed budget is balanced (with a predicted surplus in excess of 300,000, which will be placed in a line item for capital outlay projects, if needed). Mr. Barnwell and several board members praised Mr. Wood for his diligence regarding the finances of the district and his work on the budget.

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the proposed 19-20 budget, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Barnwell explained that the district is fortunate to be able to handle its financial/budgetary obligations with an M&O tax rate of 97 cents, which is 7 cents lower than last year's rate. Therefore, he recommended approval of an M&O rate of 97 cents. He also said that an I&S rate

of .0858 should be sufficient for old debt payments, which is what was recommended. Therefore, he recommended an overall tax rate of 1.0558 for the 19-20 school year. Motion by Mr. Godfrey, duly seconded by Mr. Abernathy, to adopt an M&O tax rate of .97 and an I&S tax rate of .0858, for a total tax rate of 1.0558 for the 19-20 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Dr. Thigpen made a motion to approve the publishing of the legal documents that would allow for the district to receive bids for land to be sold in the Smithland area, as presented. Mr. Fratangelo seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Barnwell asked that the minutes reflect the previous acceptance of a resignation from Darlene Gay and that there were no other personnel needs that should be addressed at this time.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature