

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6/21/2017 [5:00PM-6:00PM] @ District Administration Center, 200 N. Fifth Street

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

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5. Finance & Audit (Mr. Knighton - Chair)

a. A motion is requested to approve the Final Budget for General Fund Approval Resolution

The final budget includes a proposed tax increase in the total amount of .8508 mills or 2.90%, which is within Columbia Borough School District's approved index of 3.7%, and use of \$800,000 (\$250,000 is in Budgetary Reserve) of Fund Balance. The real estate tax rate for 2017-18 will be 30.1908 mills.

b. A motion is requested to approve Annual Tax Levy Resolution

This resolution sets the tax rates for 2017-18. The real estate tax rate would be set at 30.1908 mills.

c. A motion is requested to approve the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

This resolution sets the amount for the Homestead/Farmstead exclusion to be included on the July 1, 2016 tax bill. Based on data from the County Assessment Office and the District's 2017-18 allocation, the total reduction in assessment is \$10,340 (\$10,784 for 16-17) and \$312.17 (\$311.65 for 16-17) in real estate taxes for approved homesteads.

Note: Historical information

2012-2013 - \$636,079, 2,219 homesteads, \$286.65

2013-2014 - \$636,265, 2,162 homesteads, \$294.29
2014-2015 - \$636,835, 2,115 homesteads, \$301.10
2015-2016 - \$636,998, 2,054 homesteads, \$310.14
2016-2017 - \$637,327, 2,045 homesteads, \$311.65
2017-2018 - \$636,522, 2,039 homesteads, \$312.17

d. A motion is requested to approve the Special Education Supplemental Contract

6. Personnel (Mr. Ford - Chair)

a. A motion is requested to approve Administration and Support Staff average increase for 2017-18 of 3.0%

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8. Adjournment