

Fremont Board of Education
Board of Education Special Hearings
Board Room
Main St Education and Administration Center
130 E 9th St
Fremont, NE 68025
Monday, September 14, 2020 6:30 PM

AGENDA SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WILL BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD TABLE. WHEN RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH YOUR COMMENTS. A MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT OF 5 MINUTES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR EACH AUDIENCE UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS GRANTED BY THE CHAIR.

1. Open Meetings Act

A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Board Room. The Board may meet in Closed Session to consider issues including, but not limited to 1) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, or litigation; 2) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; 3) investigative proceedings regarding allegations or misconduct; or 4) evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person or persons. The vote to hold a Closed Session shall be taken in open session and the subject matter and reason for the session shall be included in the motion. The motion and the vote of each member of the Board and the time when the session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion passes, the President will restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the Closed Session.

2. CONSENT SECTION

All matters listed under the Consent Section are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, the item(s) will be considered at the end of the Consent Section.

Motion to approve the consent section as presented passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

1. Legality of Meeting

Approve that all legal requirements have been met as to advance notice of this meeting to both individual Board Members and to the public.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda as published/revised. Note that items can be removed or amended from the published agenda at this time but additions can be made only through an emergency resolution.

3. **Budget Hearing**

1. Open Hearing

Motion to open hearing passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

2. Presentation

Brad Dahl will present the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 school year and hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers related to the proposed budget.

3. Public Comment / Board Discussion

4. Close Hearing

Motion to close Budget Hearing passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

4. **Tax Request Hearing**

1. Open Hearing

Motion to open hearing passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

2. Presentation

Brad Dahl will present the proposed tax request for the 2020-2021 school year and hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers related to district property tax request for the 2020-2021 school year. The related resolution will be acted upon during the regular meeting to follow.

3. Public Comment / Board Discussion
4. Close Hearing

Motion to close Tax Request Hearing passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.



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2020-2021

Proposed Budget/Levy Information And Financial History

Mark Shepard, Brad Dahl & Susan Plank

Agenda



- Budget Timeline
- Budget Goal
- Issues Affecting FPS Budget
- Assessed Valuation Data
- Tax Levy History
- State Aid Data
- Revenue Information
- Expenditure Data
- Proposed Budget – All Funds
- Levy/Impact
- Fund Strategies
- Budget Summary & Levies by Fund
- Questions/Feedback

Budget Timeline



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April 23 – State Aid Certification

May – June – District Budget Development

August 20 – Assessed Valuation Certification

September 1 & 2 – BOE Small Group Budget Work Sessions

September 14 – Board Consideration for Budget & Tax Request Hearings

September - Presentations to community groups

September 20 – Deadline to Submit to County and State

Board of Education Goal Budget & Finance



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Budget / Finance Strategies

The majority of the Fremont Public Schools budget is funded with local property taxes (approximately 51%) and State equalization aid (approximately 29%). The downturn in the economy in 2008 and 2009 created a funding deficit for Fremont Public Schools due primarily to minimal growth in assessed valuation and flat increases in State Equalization Aid.

- **Objective:**
Develop budget and financial strategies to limit expenditure growth and maximize revenues creating a balanced budget with current funding. Continue to monitor and scrutinize all openings and look for opportunities to create efficiencies without jeopardizing quality.
- **Actions**
- Seek out creative funding opportunities including grants.
- Maximize State Aid components and State funding opportunities.
- Work with Financial Consultant, monitor bond market and identify opportunities to save money through restructuring/refunding current debt.
- Actively participate in lobbying efforts at the State level through organizations such as GNSA, NCSA and NASB to ensure that our needs are accurately communicated to State Senators and their staff.

Issues Affecting FPS Finances



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- State Revenues not keeping pace with increased expenditures.
 - Special Education
 - Special Education Transportation
 - Site based pre-schools partially funded through State Aid
- Federal Revenues not keeping pace with increased expenditures.
 - ESSA Programming Funds (Title I-V, Immigrant, Migrant)
- Covid 19
- Levy Subject to Limitation
- Legislation changing how schools are funded
- Building maintenance, safety and transportation needs continue to exceed the ability to fund.

Assessed Valuation by County



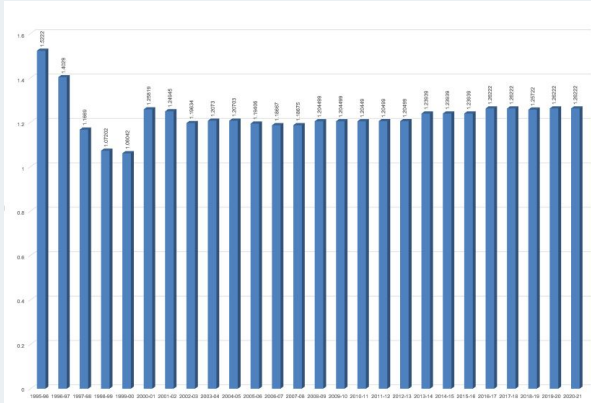
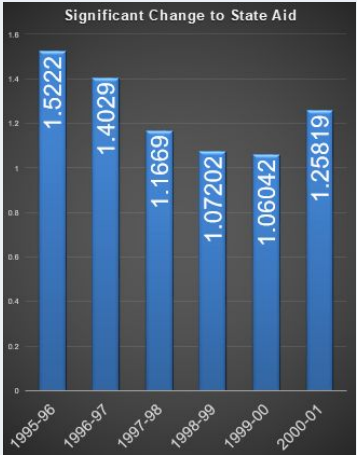
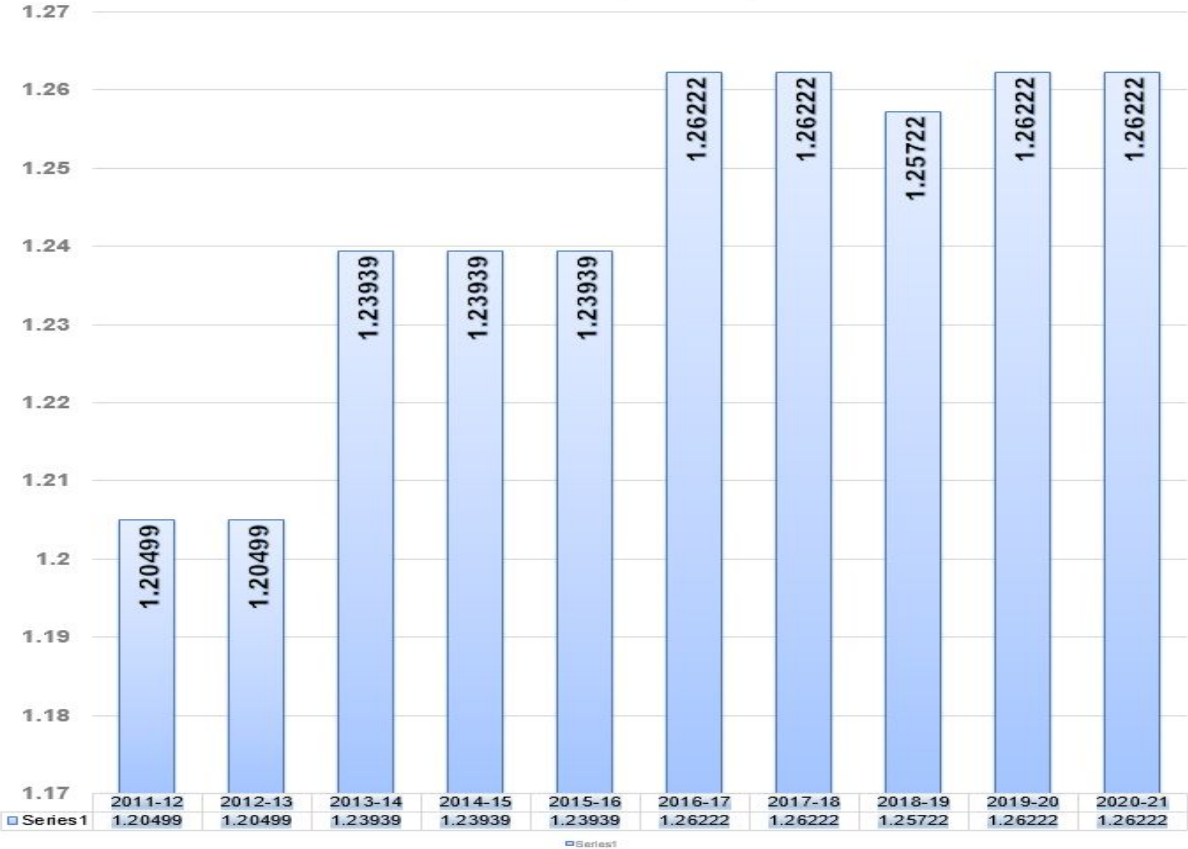
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General Fund				
County	2019-20	2020-21	Difference	% Change
Dodge County	\$2,180,816,247	\$2,569,461,485	\$388,645,238	17.82%
Saunders County	\$266,708,255	\$274,110,815	\$7,402,560	2.78%
Douglas County	\$45,826,010	\$47,775,100	\$1,949,090	4.25%
Total	\$2,493,350,512	\$2,891,347,400	\$397,996,888	15.96%

History of Property Tax Levy



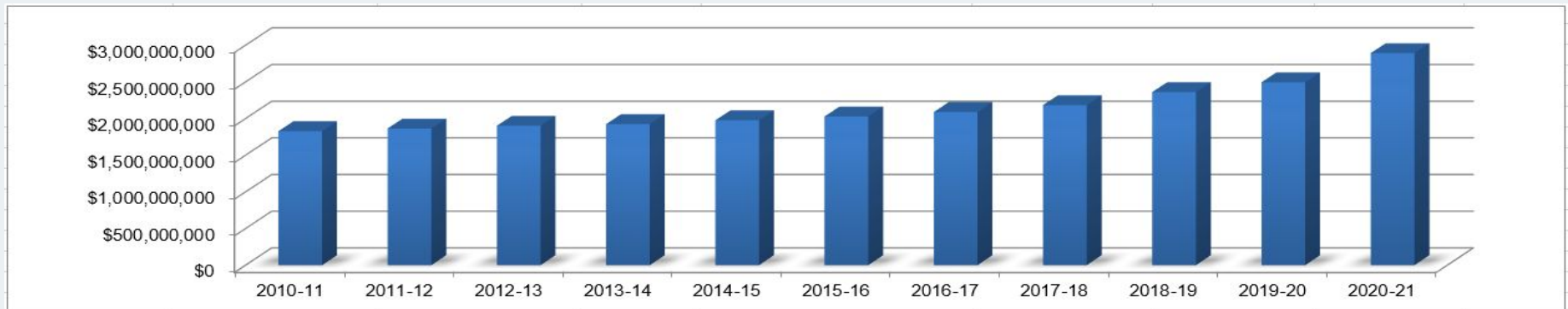
10 Year Levy History





Year	Valuation	% Change
2010-11	\$1,827,455,499	
2011-12	\$1,863,015,202	1.95%
2012-13	\$1,900,602,935	2.02%
2013-14	\$1,923,986,928	1.23%
2014-15	\$1,975,346,568	2.67%
2015-16	\$2,028,134,274	2.67%
2016-17	\$2,088,283,192	2.97%
2017-18	\$2,182,230,131	4.50%
2018-19	\$2,360,217,114	8.16%
2019-20	\$2,493,350,512	5.64%
2020-21	\$2,891,347,400	15.96%
	10 Year Average	4.78%

Assessed Valuation Data



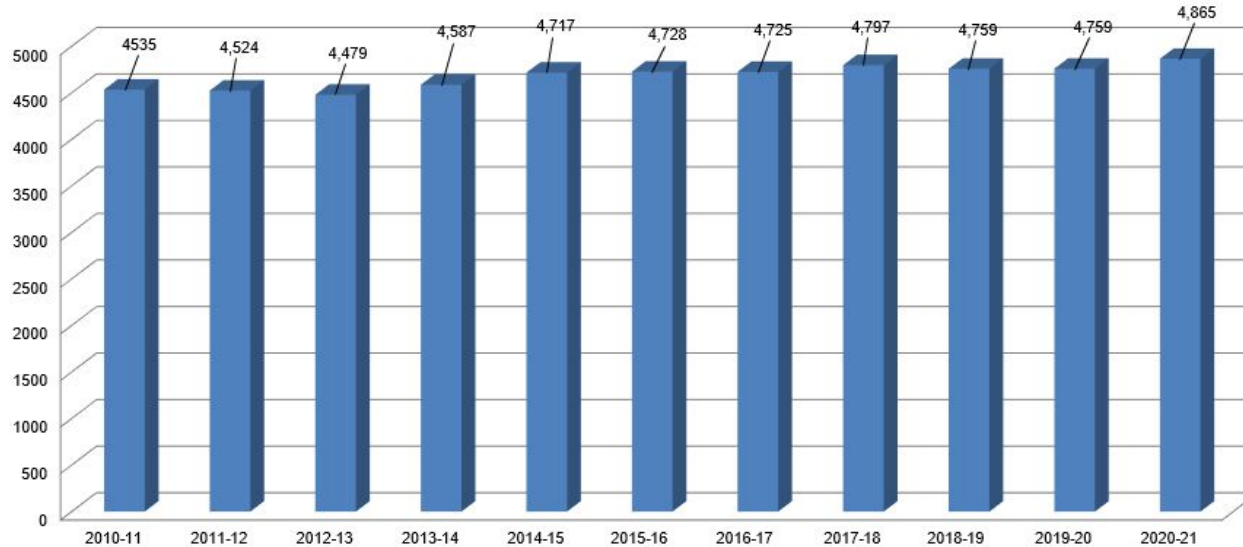
Student Enrollment



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	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Early Childhood	102	117	134	129	177	187	190	222	194	242	256
Kindergarten - Grad	4,433	4,407	4,345	4,458	4,540	4,541	4,535	4,575	4,565	4,566	4,609
Totals	4,535	4,524	4,479	4,587	4,717	4,728	4,725	4,797	4,759	4,808	4,865

Enrollment History/Projection



State Aid History



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2010-11	\$	19,143,632	*Includes ARRA SFSF: \$3,839,245
2011-12	\$	15,901,303	
2012-13	\$	15,382,732	
2013-14	\$	15,247,318	
2014-15	\$	17,155,320	
2015-16	\$	18,248,291	
2016-17	\$	17,367,424	
2017-18	\$	16,968,084	
2018-19	\$	16,989,411	\$21,327 Increase
2019-20	\$	17,760,967	\$771,556 Increase
2020-21	\$	17,243,566	\$517,401 Decrease

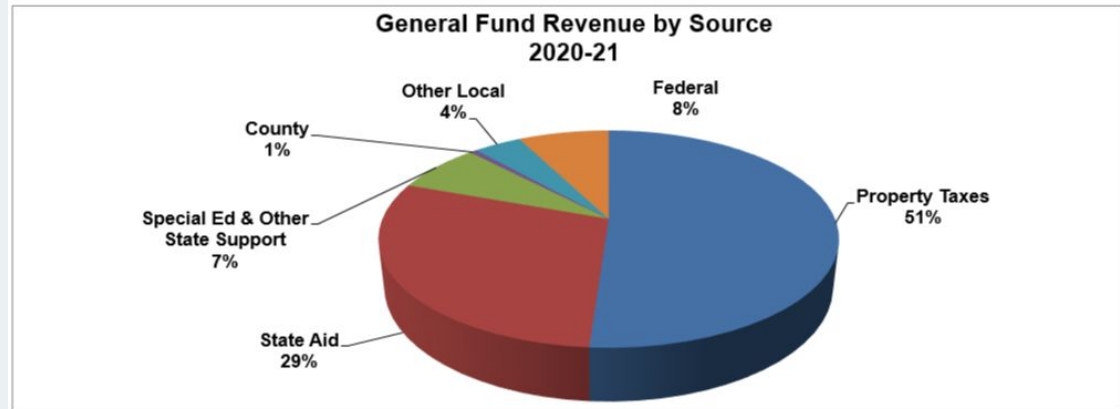


General Fund Revenue Sources



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Property Taxes	51.12%	29,990,349.98
State Aid	29.39%	17,243,566.00
Special Ed & Other State Support	7.26%	4,256,850.33
County	0.62%	363,118.06
Other Local	3.98%	2,336,955.97
Federal	7.63%	4,473,572.86
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Total Revenue		58,664,413.20



Where do we spend our money?



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2019-20 Proposed General Fund by Function	
Regular Instruction	\$ 26,745,497
Special Education	6,016,242
Support Services-Pupil	4,499,891
Support Services-Staff	2,676,336
Board of Education	335,247
General Administration	1,768,564
Building Leadership	2,127,096
Business Services	1,808,153
Maintenance & Operations	5,459,568
Regular Transportation	479,743
Special Ed. Transportation	1,061,372
State Categorical Programs	373,946
Federal Programs	3,998,231
Summer School	25,612
Transfer to Other Funds	21,000
Total	\$ 57,396,498
76% Instruction	5.44% Increase

Net of Federal Programs 4.25% Increase

How do we spend our money?



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General Fund Expenditure by Object	2020-21	2019-20	% Change
Instruction Salaries & Benefits	\$ 26,046,940	\$ 25,971,494	0.29%
Special Education Salaries & Benefits	\$ 5,526,537	\$ 5,485,738	0.74%
State & Federal Salaries & Benefits	\$ 3,432,798	\$ 2,970,814	15.55%
Support Services Salaries & Benefits	\$ 5,796,685	\$ 5,030,935	15.22%
Transportation Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,255,558	\$ 1,124,702	11.63%
Administrative Support Salaries & Benefits	\$ 4,848,255	\$ 4,550,556	6.54%
Operations Salaries & Benefits	\$ 2,971,776	\$ 2,927,271	1.52%
Supplies	\$ 3,563,218	\$ 2,902,300	22.77%
Contracted Services	\$ 2,845,689	\$ 2,230,271	27.59%
Equipment	\$ 155,861	\$ 342,653	-54.51%
Student Transportation, Insurance, Misc	\$ 842,748	\$ 873,101	
Transfers & Fixed	\$ 21,000	\$ 26,200	
Other- Dues & Fees	\$ 89,433	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 57,396,498	\$ 54,436,035	5.44%

87% Personnel

Net of Federal Programs 4.25% Increase

All Fund Expenditures



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FUNDS	2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021	% Change
General	\$54,436,035	\$57,396,498	5.44%
Depreciation	\$3,482,720	\$3,813,480	9.50%
Activities	\$1,206,168	\$1,243,137	3.06%
School Nutrition	\$2,624,815	\$2,454,200	-6.50%
Bond*	\$4,483,066	\$4,286,377	-4.39%
Special Building	\$373,042	\$1,041,574	179.21%
Student Fee	\$120,000	\$120,000	0.00%
TOTALS	\$66,725,846	\$70,355,266	5.44%

*Net of Bond Refinancing \$13,712,642

Property Tax Levy



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Property Tax Request	2019-20	2020-21
General Fund	\$1.057722	\$1.047722
Special Building Fund	\$0.005000	\$0.025240
Bond & Interest Fund	\$0.199496	\$0.167780
Q.C.P.U.F.	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
Total	\$1.262218	\$1.240742

Property Taxes



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What is the estimated cost to a homeowner if the home's assessed value is \$150,000?

2019-20
\$1,893



2020-21
\$1,871



Home Value

School Taxes

\$75,000

\$936

\$100,000

\$1,247

\$150,000

\$1,871

\$200,000

\$2,495

\$250,000

\$3,119

Fund Strategies



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- Review district wide programs and departments to assure efficiencies and alignment with Board of Education goals
- Evaluate staff requests
- Evaluate current and future openings
- Plan for future needs (facilities, safety, transportation, etc.)
- Monitor bond market
- Consider district cash flow needs
- Monitor Legislation

How does FPS compare?



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- FPS is ranked 13th out of 244 school districts in Nebraska in per-pupil spending – Only 12 districts spend less per-pupil.
- FPS currently spends \$11,746 per-pupil compared to the State average of \$13,184.
- FPS annually spends less than the State average by \$7.5 million.
- The current levy and expenditure limitation in Statute do not allow FPS to spend the State average.

Budget Summary



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Fremont Public Schools (27-0001) in Dodge County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September, 2020 at 6:30 o'clock, P.M., at 130 East 9th Street Fremont, Nebraska for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours.

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	2018-2019 (1)	2019-2020 (2)	2020-2021 (3)			
General	\$ 51,276,937.00	\$ 55,235,103.00	\$ 57,396,498.00	\$ 10,215,507.79	\$ 37,621,655.12	\$ 30,293,283.67
Depreciation	\$ 342,802.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 3,813,580.00		\$ 3,813,580.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 782,963.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 1,243,137.00	\$ -	\$ 1,243,137.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 2,368,770.48	\$ 2,459,464.74	\$ 2,454,200.00	\$ 491,429.69	\$ 2,945,629.69	
Bond	\$ 5,020,651.00	\$ 18,199,208.64	\$ 4,286,377.80	\$ 14,819,357.59	\$ 14,620,160.89	\$ 4,530,883.50
Special Building	\$ 121,736.00	\$ 43,626.03	\$ 1,041,574.76		\$ 319,087.96	\$ 729,784.80
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 48,850.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00	
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TOTALS	\$ 59,962,709.48	\$ 77,257,402.41	\$ 70,355,367.56	\$ 25,526,295.07	\$ 60,683,250.66	\$ 35,553,951.97
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
				\$ 4,530,883.50	\$ 31,023,068.47	\$ 35,553,951.97

Breakdown of Property Tax

Levies to be set by County



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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Fremont Public Schools (27-0001) in Dodge County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1601.02, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September 2020 at Immediately following Budget Hearing at 6:30 o'clock P.M., at 130 East 9th Street Fremont, Nebraska for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2019-2020	2020-2021	Change						
Property Valuations	2,493,350,512	2,891,347,400	16%						
2019/20 Budget Information				2020/21 Budget Information					
Fund	2019-2020 Operating Budget	2019-2020 Property Tax Request	2019 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2019-2020 Request Divided By 2020 Valuation)	2020-2021 Operating Budget	2020-2021 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2020 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operatin g Budget
General Fund	54,436,035.00	26,372,716.73	1.057722	0.912125	57,396,498.00	30,293,283.67	1.047722	-1%	5%
2010 BAB's \$15.2	14,582,147.11	869,505.11	0.034868	0.030073	854,476.05	854,476.05	0.029569	-15%	-94%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8	2,669,784.28	2,669,784.28	0.121080	0.092337	3,106,655.65	3,106,655.65	0.119869	-1%	16%
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12	545,085.19	545,085.19	0.023430	0.018852	92,250.29	92,250.29	0.003396	-86%	-83%
2010 BAB's \$10.6	501,159.92	501,159.92	0.020097	0.017333	432,192.51	432,192.51	0.014946	-26%	-14%
Special Building Fund	373,042.96	124,667.53	0.005000	0.004312	1,041,574.76	729,784.80	0.025240	405%	179%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000		
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000		
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000		
Total	73,107,254.46	31,082,918.76	1.262197	1.075032	62,923,647.26	35,508,642.97	1.240742	-2%	-14%