

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2016 7:15 PM

Discovery Center
1322 Avenue I
Gothenburg, NE 69138

The mission of Gothenburg Public Schools is to prepare all students to become lifelong learners within a positive and innovative learning environment.

Attendance Taken at :

Present Board Members: Other Present:

Seth Ryker

Ellen Mortenson -- Times

Allison Jonas

Jay Holmes

James Widdifield

Tyler Herman

Mary Meisinger

Michael Teahon, Superintendent

Kay Streeter, Business Manager

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

2. Recognition of Visitors

3. Testimony, questions and discussion relating to the proposed 2016-17 Gothenburg Public Schools Budget Tax Request.

4. Adjournment

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Gothenburg Public Schools (24-0020) in Dawson 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 12th day of September 2016 at 7:15 o'clock P.M., at Gothenburg High School Discovery Center for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

2015/16 Budget Information

2016/17 Budget Information

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Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12	362,728.00	0.044053	0.041400	469,251.00	0.053558
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DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT #20

2016-2017 TAX REQUEST HEARING

Presented to

Gothenburg Public Schools
Board of Education and Patrons

September 12, 2016

by

Dr. Michael Teahon
Superintendent

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

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3. Testimony, questions and discussion relating to the proposed 2016-17 Gothenburg Public Schools Budget.

- Dr. Teahon will present the proposed tax request. Mr. Wyatt will open the floor for testimony. Board Policy 8346, Opportunity for Public Expression, limits speakers to five minutes. Board members will refrain from expressing personal opinions during the forum unless asked a direct question by a patron and being recognized by the board.

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**BOARD RESOLUTION 9-12-16-2
2016-2017 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION
FOR
DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 20**

WHEREAS, public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the district's Tax Requests for the 2016-2017 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Special Building Fund, the Affiliated Bond Fund, the District Bond Fund of Dawson County School District #20; and,

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Dawson School District #20 (hereinafter "the District") at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2016-2017 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$8,131,313; (2) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$75,758; (3) the Tax Request for the Affiliated Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$469,251; (4) the Tax Request for the District #20 Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$275,310.

It is so moved by _____ and seconded by _____ this 12th day of September, 2016.

Roll call vote as follows:

_____	YES	NO
DEVIN BRUNDAGE		
_____	YES	NO
AMBER BURGE		
_____	YES	NO
LISA GEIKEN		
_____	YES	NO
JON HUDSON		
_____	YES	NO
JEREMY SITORIUS		
_____	YES	NO
NATE WYATT		

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Dawson County School District #20, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

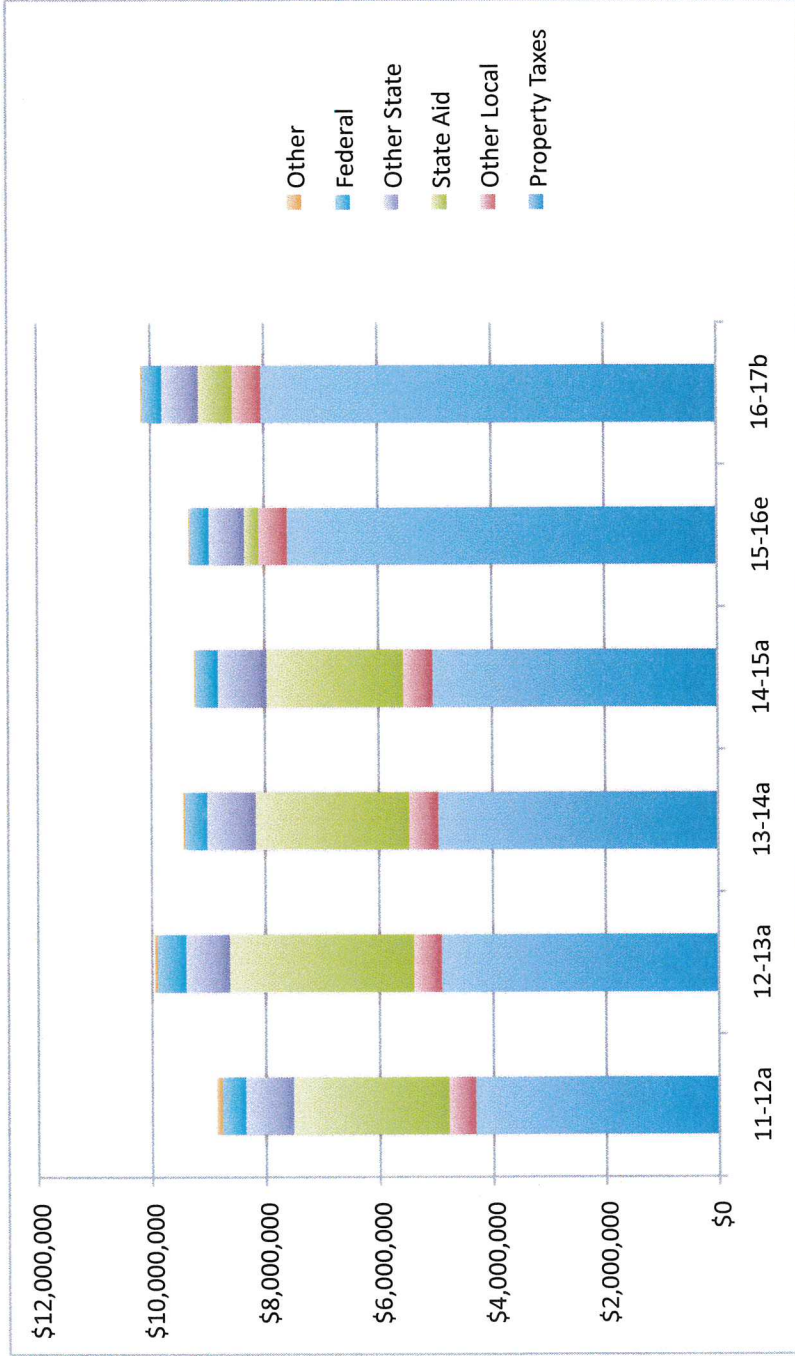
_____, Secretary

COMPUTATION OF TAXES 2016-17
Final

9/2/16

GENERAL FUND	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Difference
District 20	\$5,400,000	\$7,700,000	\$8,050,000	\$350,000
(Tax Collection Fee)	\$54,545	\$77,778	\$81,313	
EXCLUSIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$5,454,545	\$7,777,778	\$8,131,313	\$353,535
				4.55%
VALUATION	\$719,314,744	\$823,392,992	\$876,152,096	\$52,759,104
				6.41%
GENERAL FUND LEVY	0.758297	0.944601	0.928071	-0.0165
(subject to \$1.05 lid)	0.758297	0.944601	0.928071	-0.0165
		Col D for notice	0.887720	
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND				
District 20	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$25,000
(Tax Collection Fee)	\$5,051	\$505	\$758	
(includes #27,#32,#284)	\$505,051	\$50,505	\$75,758	
VALUATION	\$719,314,744	\$823,392,992	\$876,152,096	\$52,759,104
		Col D for notice	0.005764	6.41%
SPECIAL BLDG FUND LEVY	0.070213	0.006134	0.008647	0.0025
(subject to \$1.05 lid)	0.828510	0.950735	0.936718	\$0
	0.221490	0.099265	0.113282	\$0
Available within Lid	\$1,593,209	\$817,344	\$992,526	\$175,183
BOND FUND				
K-8 BOND	\$299,985	\$210,900	\$272,557	\$61,657
(w/o #27,#32,#284)	\$303,015	\$213,030	\$275,310	
VALUATION	\$396,919,592	\$443,973,942	\$468,748,428	\$24,774,486
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		Col D for notice	0.045447	
9-12 BOND	\$510,786	\$359,100	\$464,559	\$105,459
(all affiliated districts)	\$515,945	\$362,727	\$469,251	
		Col D for notice	0.041400	
Total Bond Tax Request	\$818,960	\$575,757	\$744,561	
VALUATION	\$719,314,744	\$823,392,992	\$876,152,096	\$52,759,104
9-12 BOND LEVY (everyone)	0.071727	0.044053	0.053558	0.0095
District 20 Tot Bond Levy	0.148069	0.092035	0.112291	0.0203
Total Tax Request	\$6,778,556	\$8,404,040	\$8,951,631	\$547,592
				6.52%
DISTRICT 20 LEVY (Orig)	0.976579	1.042770	1.049009	0.0062
(subject to \$1.05 lid)	0.828510	0.950735	0.936718	-0.0140
TOT AFFIL LEVY (CI Is)	0.900237	0.994787	0.990276	-0.0045

Gothenburg Public Schools
Revenue Distribution



Year Index

- a - audit
- e- estimated
- b - budgeted

Revenue	11-12a	12-13a	13-14a	14-15a	15-16e	16-17b
Property Taxes	\$4,316,113	\$4,903,067	\$4,958,125	\$5,039,664	\$7,600,000	\$8,050,000
Other Local	\$471,028	\$487,956	\$515,306	\$529,457	\$505,750	\$500,000
State Aid	\$2,734,084	\$3,240,164	\$2,696,470	\$2,400,636	\$249,423	\$600,000
Other State	\$838,340	\$770,069	\$853,375	\$862,328	\$620,963	\$650,000
Federal	\$413,965	\$507,037	\$389,604	\$391,155	\$333,500	\$345,000
Other	\$96,292	\$43,465	\$26,604	\$12,342	\$11,000	\$15,000
Reserves						\$0
Total	\$8,869,822	\$9,951,758	\$9,439,484	\$9,235,582	\$9,320,636	\$10,160,000

**Dawson County District #20
Gothenburg Public Schools**

2016 SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATION

Exhibit A

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DAWSON CO.	568,282,748	633,578,401	669,550,126	\$35,971,725	5.68%
LINCOLN CO.	76,222,188	95,136,208	105,354,775	\$10,218,567	10.74%
TOTAL	\$719,314,744	\$823,392,992	\$876,152,096	\$52,759,104	6.41%
				2 yr increase	21.80%
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**2016 SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATION
for BONDS**

Exhibit B

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9/18/36	700,000.00	1.850%	21,135.00	721,135.00	
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Internal Board Policies - Methods of OperationOpportunity for Public Expression

The Board of Education as a representative body, recognizes the importance of the public's viewpoint relative to the direction of the educational programs in Gothenburg Public Schools. Therefore, the following guidelines have been established for patrons to efficiently and effectively give expression to their suggestions, concerns, and grievances:

- A. Public Forum - Each Board meeting shall have on its agenda a specific time entitled Public Forum, during which patrons may address the Board on matters of general concern. Patrons wishing to address the Board during the Public Forum will be allowed five (5) minutes to express their view. Board of Education members will refrain from expressing personal opinions during the Public Forum unless asked a direct question by a patron recognized by the Board President as having the floor. The Board imposed time limit may be extended by a majority vote of the Board following a request to do so. Board action may not be taken on matters discussed during the Public Forum unless the matter specifically appears on the prepared agenda. In the discretion of the Board President, the Public Forum may be omitted or bypassed at some, but not all, meetings of the Board of Education.

- B. Concerns and Complaints - Board action shall not be taken regarding a concern or complaint unless the following procedure has been followed:
 - Step 1. All Complaints concerning a particular school situation shall be submitted to the Principal of the building. They should be submitted in writing when practical. If the party involved is other than an individual, then the organization or persons represented shall be identified. If the problem involves other than an individual building, then the matter shall be directed to the Superintendent.
 - Step 2. Should the matter not be resolved to the satisfaction of the parties involved, they may appeal to the Superintendent.
 - Step 3. If the initiating party is not satisfied with the response of the Superintendent, said party may address a written appeal to the Board of Education through the Secretary of the Board.

- C. Speak to Agenda Item - Patrons or visitors who desire to have an item placed on the monthly Board meeting agenda and speak on that item should make their wishes known to the Superintendent prior to the distribution of the meeting agenda. Upon receipt of a request to be heard the Superintendent may, in the discretion of the Superintendent, place the item on the agenda. The Board President shall then allow the patron or visitors to address the Board at the appropriate time. The length of this presentation will be determined at the discretion of the Board President. Persons who wish to speak to an agenda item will not be required to have their name be placed on the agenda prior to the meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda.

Legal Reference: §84-1412

Date of Adoption: July 14, 2008