

Raymond Central Public Schools (District 0161) Board of Education Special Meeting

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Raymond Central Jr-Sr High School - Mustang Room

1800 West Agnew Road

Raymond, NE 68428-9783

Present: Mary Benes, Matt Blanchard, Brad Breitreutz, Bill Lange, Derek Matulka, **Absent:** Cathy Burklund. Also attending was Superintendent Lynn Johnson.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Breitreutz called the Public Budget Workshop to order at 6:03 PM.

Motion to Excuse Board Member's Absence

Motion by Matulka, second by Benes to excuse the absence of Cathy Burklund. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Open Meeting Law

The audience was reminded that Open Meeting Laws would be followed.

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary action to approve a resolution that requires at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District to affirmatively vote to increase the School District's overall property tax request authority by up to an additional six percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law.

Motion by Matulka, second by Lange to approve a resolution that requires at least 70% of the Board of Education of this School District to affirmatively vote to increase the School District's overall property tax request authority by up to an additional 6% above the base percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature enacted several measures this past legislative session, including LB 243, to adjust public school district revenue and finances; and,

WHEREAS, LB 243 generally limits a public school district’s property tax request authority, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, LB 243 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the default property tax request authority if at least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of more than four hundred seventy-one students but no more than three thousand forty-four students may increase its tax request by up to an additional six percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Lancaster County School District Number 55-161, a/k/a Raymond Central Public Schools (the “School District”) is more than four hundred seventy-one students but no more than three thousand forty-four students; and

WHEREAS, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, facility needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional six percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, public notice of this possible increase was published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Special Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5 of 2023 Neb. Laws 243, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District’s overall property tax request authority by up to an additional six percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member _____ moved for their passage and adoption. Member _____ seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

_____.

The following members voted against the same:

The following members were absent or not voting:

The above Resolution having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the Members of the Board of Education, it was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

DATED this ___ day of August, 2023.

RAYMOND CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to transfer \$400,000 to the Depreciation Fund for vehicle acquisition, textbook purchasing, building updates, and technology and transfer \$100,000 to Employee Benefit Funds for health insurance premiums.

Motion by Matulka, second by Breitreutz to transfer \$400,000 to the Depreciation Fund for vehicle acquisition, textbook purchasing, building updates, and technology; and transfer \$100,000 to Employee Benefit Funds for health insurance premiums. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Breitreutz, second by Matulka to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.