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**Business Meeting and Tax Rate Hearing
School District of Clayton Board of Education
September 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Ms. Amy Rubin – President Mr. Gary Pierson – Vice President Ms. Kim Hurst – Treasurer Ms. Stacy Siwak – Board Secretary Mr. Joe Miller – Director Mr. Steve Singer – Director Mr. Jason Wilson – Director	Central Office administrators present: Dr. Nisha Patel – Superintendent Dr. Tony Arnold – Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Dr. Milena Garganigo - Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Ms. Mary Jo Gruber - Chief Financial Officer Mr. Cameron Poole - Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer Mr. Jeff Puls - Chief Technology Officer Mr. Chris Tennill – Chief Communications Officer Dr. Robyn Wiens - Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Sandy Menchella – Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Board of Education
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1. Call to Order

Information, Procedural: 1.01 Statement of Adequate Notice, Pledge of Allegiance

The tax rate hearing meeting was held in the School District of Clayton Administrative Boardroom at 2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Public Comment on the Tax Rate

Information: 2.01 Public Comments - 2021 Tax Rate

There were no public comments on the 2021 Tax Rate.

3. Tax Rate Hearing

Information: 3.01 Tax Rate

Mary Jo Gruber, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update to the tax rate for 2021.

4. Approval of the Tax Rate

Action: 4.01 Approval of 2021 Tax Rate

That the Board of Education adopt the tax rates by category as presented with the blended tax rate for 2021 in the amount of \$4.3534 that includes a 15 cent voluntary rollback to be distributed with a Special Revenue Fund rate of \$2.3321, General Fund rate of \$1.1483, Capital Projects rate of \$0.2500 and Debt Service Fund rate of \$0.6230.

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Steve Singer, Jason Wilson

5. Adjourn Tax Rate Hearing

Action, Procedural: 5.01 Adjourn Tax Rate Hearing

That the Tax Rate Hearing is adjourned and the Board of Education will enter into the business meeting portion of the agenda

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Steve Singer, Jason Wilson

The tax rate hearing meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

6. Call to Order

Procedural: 6.01 Statement of Adequate Notice

The business meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

7. Recognizing Our Own

Information: 7.01 Disability History Awareness Month

The Disability History and Awareness Month Proclamation was read by Wydown students, Maggie Crowe, Conrad Bradford and Clayton High School student, Kirby Miller who all joined the meeting virtually for this recognition. Ms. Melissa Logan, the Director of Special Education for School District of Clayton, Special School District was also recognized by Dr. Robyn Wiens, Assistant Superintendent Student Services.

Information: 7.02 Graham Zucker

Clayton High School junior, Graham Zucker, was recognized for breaking the 100-meter backstroke school record as a swimmer. Coaches Mr. Robert Laux and Mr. Darion Williams were also present and recognized.

8. Superintendent Communications

Information: 8.01 Superintendent Communications

Superintendent, Dr. Nisha Patel, presented her superintendent update on the following topics: Wydown being named as a Blue Ribbon School, Dave Powers named as the Emerson Teaching in Excellence Award winner, Homecoming, an update on the strategic plan and a COVID-19 update.

9. Student Representative to the Board

Information: 9.01 Student Representative to the Board of Education - Update

Student Representative to the Board of Education, Aitana Rosas Linhard, presented the student update consisting of the following topics: All In Coalition Donation Drive, Spirit Week and Homecoming, the new grading system, the expansion of District Advisory Council and National Custodian Day.

10. Study Item

Study: 10.01 Audit Planning

Brian Wuertz, from Kerber Eck Braeckel accounting firm, presented information about the services they performed during the audit of our district for year ending June 30, 2021.

11. Information Item

Information: 11.01 A Place for Everyone

Mr. Cameron Poole, Chief Equity Officer, provided an update on the work being completed in the area of Equity and Inclusion as it pertains to Strategic Plan Goal 1 – A Place for Everyone.

12. Action Items

Action, Second Reading: 12.01 Second Reading and Approval - DK - Payment Process

Board member, Jason Wilson, left the room at 9:57 p.m.

That the Board of Education approve policy DK – Payment Process presented in the report provided to the Board.

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Steve Singer

Not Present at Vote: Jason Wilson

Action, Second Reading: 12.02 Second Reading and Approval - EBAB - Hazardous Materials

That the Board of Education approve policy EBAB – Hazardous Materials as presented in the report provided to the Board.

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Steve Singer

Not Present at Vote: Jason Wilson

Action: 12.03 Part Time Temporary Employment - Sarah Miller

Joe Miller left the meeting at 9:58 p.m. and was not present for the vote.

That the Board of Education approve the PTTE for Sarah Miller

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Steve Singer

Not Present at Vote: Joe Miller, Jason Wilson

13. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 13.01 Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items 13.02 through 13.09

Jason Wilson and Joe Miller returned to the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

That the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items 13.02 through 13.09

Action (Consent): 13.02 Safe Return to School/Continuity of Service Plan

Action (Consent): 13.03 COVID-19 Leave Resolution

Action (Consent): 13.04 Early Resignation Notification Incentive Plan

Action (Consent): 13.05 Consent to Deemed Assignment of Investment Advisor

Action (Consent): 13.06 2021-2022 Bus Routes

Action (Consent): 13.07 Professional Service Vendor Contract Approval
Action (Consent): 13.08 Personnel
Action (Consent), Minutes: 13.09 Approval of Minutes - September 1, 2021

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Steve Singer, Jason Wilson

14. Financials

Action: 14.01 Financials - July 2021

That the Board of Education approve the payment of current expenditures and investments for July, 2021 as detailed below.

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Steve Singer, Jason Wilson

15. Public Comment

Information: 15.01 Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no public comments presented at this meeting.

16. Board Communications

Information: 16.01 Board Calendar, Committee, Community and Liaison Reports

Stacy Siwak presented information from the PTO Council meeting and the Special School District Governing Council meeting.

Gary Pierson presented information regarding the Parks and Rec meeting.

17. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 17.01 Adjournment

That the Board of Education adjourn.

Motion by Stacy Siwak, second by Gary Pierson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Amy Rubin, Gary Pierson, Kimberly Hurst, Stacy Siwak, Joe Miller, Steve Singer, Jason Wilson

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.



Stacy Siwak, Board Secretary



Amy Rubin, Board President
Approved: October 13, 2021