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**MINUTES
USD # 325 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

The Board of Education of Phillipsburg USD 325 met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Board of Education Office, 240 S. 7th Street, Phillipsburg. Members present when the meeting was called to order were: Todd Kennedy, President; Shawn Hoover, Vice-President; Danielle Bohl, member; Brock Johnson, member; J.C. Sauer, member; Justin Taylor, member; and Tyson Wisinger, member.

Officials present: Michael Gower, Superintendent; Amanda Hudson, Treasurer; and Angela Thompson, Clerk.

Other interested persons: Nathan Strasburg, Middle School Principal; and Todd Bowman, High School Principal.

CALL TO ORDER Todd Kennedy, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA** J.C. Sauer moved the consent agenda including August 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and warrants be approved as presented. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS None

**COMMUNITY
PRESENTATIONS** None

**REPORT TO THE BOARD BY
THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Superintendent shared current enrollment numbers for an approximate total of 555. The September 20th count will be the official number.

Mr. Gower discussed capital outlay projects including the elementary school playground, eventual replacement of windows at the elementary and middle schools, continued maintenance and replacement of buses and vehicles, and upgrades to the Wood and Ag Shops and the FACS classroom. Mr. Gower further discussed possible options for expansion of the restroom facilities at the track.

Mr. Gower recognized Sonic for their generous support and donations of shirts and school supplies as well as their Student of the Month sponsorship at every grade level. Students will be selected by their teachers based on character. Mr. Gower reminded everyone that Sonic donates 15% of all sales to the Phillipsburg Schools & Activities on the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 5 pm – 8 pm.

The Superintendent announced that all schools will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15th, prior to the 2:15 p.m. start of the Homecoming parade around the square with the pep rally held back at the stadium.

NEW BUSINESS

**2023-2024 REVENUE NEUTRAL
RATE HEARING**

Following discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board adopt a resolution to approve exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate to finance the 2023-2024 Budget. Shawn Hoover seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Resolution was adopted by roll call vote. (A copy of the resolution is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

2023-2024 BUDGET
HEARING

Following discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board approve the 2023-2024 Budget based on the state and building needs assessment information provided to and evaluated by the Board. J.C. Sauer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

LOCAL OPTION BUDGET
PERCENTAGE

Following discussion, Todd Kennedy moved the Board authorize by resolution the LOB of 31.6% for the 2023-2024 School Year. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. (A copy of the resolution is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

APPOINTMENT OF 2023-2024 SITE

COUNCIL MEMBERS Following discussion, Shawn Hoover moved the Board approve the updated membership list for the school improvement and site council committee for 2023-2024 as presented. Danielle Bohl seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. (A copy of the list is attached to, and becomes a part of, these official minutes.)

NCKSEC INTERLOCAL
#636 REPORT

Todd Kennedy reported on recent activity.

PERSONNEL

None

REQUEST FOR USE OF
SCHOOL FACILITIES

Information

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

MINUTES RECORDED:

DATE: