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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Climax-Shelly ISD #592 - Climax, MN 56523**

The Board of Education of Independent School District #592, Climax, Minnesota held their Budget and Taxation Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm via a Google Meet virtual meeting. The meeting link was made available to the public who wanted to join.

Board Chair Brad Erickson called the meeting to order. The following was read at the beginning of the meeting.

Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations, the Minnesota directive to residents to stay at home, and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, this meeting of the Climax-Shelly School Board is being conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021— Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

Due to the health pandemic, the school board has determined that it is not feasible for at least one board member, the superintendent, or the school district's legal counsel to be physically present at the regular meeting location and that it is not feasible for the public to attend this meeting at the regular meeting location due to the health pandemic.

Persons may monitor this meeting from a remote location by accessing the Climax-Shelly YouTube channel.

School board members are reminded to mute their microphone or phone when they are not speaking.

School board members wishing to speak should use the chat feature via the Google Meet platform, then wait to be recognized by the Chair.

The chair will determine the order in which board members wishing to speak will be recognized. When recognized, the board member should unmute the microphone or phone, speak, and then mute their device.

All votes will be conducted by roll call. Each school board member should wait until their name is called

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before voting.

Persons monitoring this meeting from a remote location may submit a comment by sending the question via email to: [schoolboardquestions@isd592.org](mailto:schoolboardquestions@isd592.org)

This meeting is being recorded. Access to the recording will be made available on the district's website ([www.isd592.org](http://www.isd592.org)) as soon as is reasonably possible.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brad Erickson, Toscha Larson, Vance Thoreson, Jayne Nesvig, Beth Rarick, Molly Paulsrud, and Kylee Chandler were present. Superintendent Michael Underwood and incoming school board member Scott Swanson were present. Business Office Manager Karen Johnson was present. Community members present were Lee Thoreson, Ben Larson, and Arlan Larson.

Beth moved, Molly seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be approved as presented. A roll call vote was taken and all board members were in favor. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Underwood presented on the following:

1. Enrollment: Current/Projected - Hard to project with open enrollment, as of 10/1/20 K-12 had 200 total students, down from previous years
2. Taxes Levied Previous 5 Year Period
  - a. Previous years levies and percent increases were shared verbally by Superintendent Underwood.
  - b. Last year's levy was \$579,351.51 and was an increase of 19.15%
3. 2020-2021 Levy
  - a. Maximum levy increase for this year was 14% at approximately \$661,000, proposed levy increase is 6% increase at \$614,080.53
  - b. Board member Toscha indicated that she was in support of a lower levy due to the large increase in the previous year and the potential negative economic impact Covid has had on taxpayers
4. 2020-2021 School Budget - Expense and revenue budgets were presented. Projected expenses were \$3,056,000 and revenues were \$3,081,206
5. Questions - No questions were brought forward

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B. Beth moved, Vance seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Final Tax Levy and Certification for 2020Pay2021 be adopted by the School Board of ISD 592 and submitted to Polk and Norman Counties and the Minnesota Department of Education by the Superintendent at \$614,080.53. A roll call vote was taken.

Molly - for                      Beth - for                      Vance - for                      Toscha - against  
Jayne - against                      Brad - for                      Kylee - for

Motion passed.

Molly moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toscha Larson, Clerk