

Budget Hearing

School District of Seward

410 South Street

Seward, NE 68434

Monday, September 9, 2024 6:30 PM

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM.

Paul Duer: Present

Matt Hastings: Present

Jill Hochstein: Present

Ryne Seaman: Present

Danielle Shipley: Present

Shawn Svoboda: Present

1. Preliminary Procedures

1.1. Call meeting to order & announce Open Meetings Act is Posted

1.2. Public Notice as publicized per board policy

The public notice was publicized in the Seward County Independent and posted at city hall, library and courthouse. The public notice was dated September 4, 2024.

1.3. Roll Call

1.3.1. Action to excuse board members if necessary

2. 2024-2025 Budget Overview

Dr. Fields gave a quick overview of the 2024-2025 budget.

3. Budget Hearing-Community Input and Discussion regarding support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2024-2025 budget of all funds and to consider amendments relative thereto

There was none.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM with the next study session and regular board meeting scheduled for October 14, 2024 at 5:30 and 7:00 PM Passed with a motion by Paul Duer and a second by Jill Hochstein.

Paul Duer: Yea, Matt Hastings: Yea, Jill Hochstein: Yea, Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda: Yea

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Seward Public Schools (80-0009) in Seward County, Nebraska

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SEWARD BUDGET

2024-2025



Mission of Seward Public Schools

Seward Public Schools - a district rooted in excellence - in cooperation with family and community members is committed to the development of the whole student and affirms that all students will have the skills to become productive, resilient, and contributing members of their community.

GOALS FOR THE EVENING

1. Describe our past and present financial situation along with some comparable data.
2. Describe the effect this proposed budget would have on local property taxes
3. Expenditures/increased costs
4. Receive feedback from Board Members on any proposed changes

BUDGET PROCESS

- Fiscal Year for Schools – Sept. 1 to Aug. 31
- Budget must be adopted and submitted to the state by September 30.
- The discussion we have tonight does not constitute a hearing, and no action will be taken on the budget.
- Pink Postcard September 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Harvest Hall
- Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing? Will depend upon our discussion tonight-

Other Information

- NDE Budget
- Budget Authority- The total amount of funds that can be budgeted and or expended- We would not spend that amount.
- Revenue/Tax Authority- Board Discussion
- Access to prior year's unused budget authority- 2% of the prior years adjusted general fund expenditures or prior year's unused budget authority

Cash Reserve General Fund

- 35%- General Fund
- 2-3 months in our low month which is normally April
- 1.8 million a month on average in spending
- Roughly 4 million at the end of this fiscal year
- Could have over 8 million in Cash Reserves account

Cash Reserves

- \$5,400,000 would give us the 3 months during our low month of the year
- We do not utilize a cash reserves account it is in the budget.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND
PROPOSED BUDGET FIGURES FOR
THE 2024-2025 BUDGET

THERE IS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES – THERE HAS BEEN FOR YEARS

- Historic state aid for SPS for the first time in 20 years
- Special Ed. Reimbursement about 80% for the coming school year.
- Quick explanation of how the TEEOSA Works and the changes this year with foundation aid.
- TEEOSA was set up to level the playing field in terms of tax levies--there are still obvious discrepancies.

DATA COMPARISONS TO THE 10 LARGER AND 10 SMALLER SCHOOLS (OUR STATE AID ARRAY) 20 out 144 districts

2024-2025 Statistical Information on 10 Larger-10 Smaller Schools									
School	General Fund Levy	Total Levy	2023-24 Valuation	Property Tax per \$100,000	24-25 State TEEOSA Aid	Free/Red	% Sped	22/23 Per Pupil Cost	13/14 Per Pupil Cost
Norris	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.93	\$ 2,247,170,629	\$ 930	\$ 4,888,071	11%	8%	\$ 12,648	\$ 9,790
Beatrice	\$ 0.88	\$ 1.05	\$ 1,560,643,346	\$ 1,050	\$ 6,035,877	52%	26%	\$ 14,295	\$ 10,491
Gering	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.28	\$ 965,652,213	\$ 1,280	\$ 9,636,597	50%	16%	\$ 13,766	\$ 9,663
Waverly	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.99	\$ 2,428,957,046	\$ 990	\$ 3,529,380	20%	17%	\$ 14,042	\$ 10,243
Crete	\$ 0.83	\$ 1.08	\$ 1,458,968,679	\$ 1,080	\$ 12,525,835	61%	14%	\$ 15,038	\$ 11,088
Plattsmouth	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.24	\$ 1,029,043,088	\$ 1,240	\$ 4,285,688	46%	19%	\$ 15,730	\$ 10,921
Schuyler	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.05	\$ 1,656,227,941	\$ 1,050	\$ 3,920,635	64%	13%	\$ 14,230	\$ 11,310
Bennington	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.36	\$ 2,574,696,225	\$ 1,360	\$ 14,223,314	13%	15%	\$ 12,855	\$ 9,227
McCook	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.00	\$ 968,081,446	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,612,651	43%	17%	\$ 15,035	\$ 10,640
Alliance	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.05	\$ 1,234,096,154	\$ 1,050	\$ 2,618,800	57%	25%	\$ 15,016	\$ 10,703
Nebr. City	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.12	\$ 1,171,368,897	\$ 1,120	\$ 4,686,159	55%	20%	\$ 14,803	\$ 11,798
York	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.15	\$ 1,306,699,005	\$ 1,150	\$ 2,892,016	42%	14%	\$ 14,582	\$ 11,649
Sidney	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.22	\$ 775,557,532	\$ 1,220	\$ 5,040,554	46%	17%	\$ 16,234	\$ 10,992
Aurora	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.81	\$ 1,880,705,257	\$ 810	\$ 1,988,176	34%	18%	\$ 17,562	\$ 12,193
Springfield Platt	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.69	\$ 3,029,398,208	\$ 690	\$ 3,215,648	18%	15%	\$ 17,822	\$ 13,497
Holdrege	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.98	\$ 1,244,445,146	\$ 980	\$ 1,723,255	42%	19%	\$ 17,195	\$ 10,729
Gothenburg	\$ 0.94	\$ 1.08	\$ 962,085,509	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,613,074	42%	13%	\$ 16,233	\$ 10,502
Lakeview	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.62	\$ 1,730,904,057	\$ 620	\$ 2,446,086	38%	13%	\$ 16,025	\$ 13,911
Adams Cent.	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.73	\$ 2,062,316,304	\$ 730	\$ 2,245,985	20%	16%	\$ 17,249	\$ 13,163
Wahoo	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.94	\$ 1,307,124,594	\$ 940	\$ 1,817,362	31%	20%	\$ 15,327	\$ 10,790
SEWARD	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.80	\$ 1,896,782,132	\$ 800	\$ 2,413,080	22%	19%	\$ 15,993	\$ 11,047
AVERAGE	\$ 0.84	\$ 1.01	\$ 1,594,805,877	\$ 1,008	\$ 4,636,107	38%	17%	\$ 15,318	\$ 11,159

ASSESSED VALUATION

Fiscal Year	Property Valuation	Change	Percentage Increase
2011-2012	\$ 968,735,783	\$ -	#VALUE!
2012-2013	\$ 1,067,156,248	\$ 98,420,465	10.16%
2013-2014	\$ 1,185,364,177	\$ 118,207,929	11.08%
2014-2015	\$ 1,389,634,455	\$ 204,270,278	17.23%
2015-2016	\$ 1,472,775,392	\$ 83,140,937	5.98%
2016-2017	\$ 1,538,357,114	\$ 65,581,722	4.45%
2017-2018	\$ 1,573,912,154	\$ 35,555,040	2.31%
2018-2019	\$ 1,613,503,350	\$ 39,591,196	2.52%
2019-2020	\$ 1,611,210,672	\$ (2,292,678)	-0.14%
2020-2021	\$ 1,628,308,485	\$ 17,097,813	1.06%
2021-2022	\$ 1,680,093,238	\$ 51,784,753	3.18%
2022-2023	\$ 1,765,502,611	\$ 85,409,373	5.08%
2023-2024	\$ 1,896,876,595	\$ 131,373,984	7.44%
2024-2025	\$ 2,007,893,020	\$ 111,016,425	5.85%

Breakdown of Taxes

- 48%-23-24-- 45% 22/23—Residential and Real Property
- 35%- 23/24- 38% 22/23 — Agricultural Land
- The rest is Personal Property, Commercial , Ag buildings, Centrally Assessed Personal and Real.

STATE AID HISTORY

Year	State Aid	Change	Percent Change
2013-14	\$ 362,058		
2014-15	\$ 350,863	\$ (11,195)	-3.09%
2015-16	\$ 40,564	\$ (310,299)	-88.44%
2016-17	\$ -	\$ (40,564)	-100.00%
2017-18	\$ 232,263	\$ 232,263	100.00%
2018-19	\$ 233,555	\$ 1,292	0.56%
2019-20	\$ 252,082	\$ 18,527	7.86%
2020-21	\$ 293,213	\$ 41,131	14.03%
2021-22	\$ 270,316	\$ (22,897)	-8.47%
2022-23	\$ 288,134	\$ 17,818	6.18%
2023-24	\$ 2,460,649	\$ 2,172,515	753.99%
2024-25	\$ 2,413,080	\$ (47,569)	-1.93%

25 YEAR PROPERTY LEVY HISTORY

Year	Property Valuation	Valuation Percent Increase	General Fund Levy	Bldg. Fund Levy	Bond Levy	QCPU Levy	Total Levy
1999-2000	\$ 506,776,378	#REF!	0.958	0.056	0.059	0.004	1.078
2000-2001	\$ 552,821,721	9.09%	1.034	0.025	0.139	0.004	1.201
2001-2002	\$ 563,635,235	1.96%	1.023	0.023	0.137	0.004	1.186
2002-2003	\$ 601,273,458	6.68%	1.025	0.021	0.125	0.003	1.175
2003-2004	\$ 620,246,072	3.16%	1.086	0.021	0.114	0.003	1.224
2004-2005	\$ 652,722,919	5.24%	1.102	0.020	0.093	0.003	1.218
2005-2006	\$ 714,441,681	9.46%	0.975	0.035	0.099	0.003	1.112
2006-2007	\$ 746,851,943	4.54%	1.041	0.034	0.092	0.003	1.170
2007-2008	\$ 788,409,301	5.56%	0.950	0.107	0.081	0.003	1.141
2008-2009	\$ 827,498,105	4.96%	0.950	0.097	0.071	0.002	1.120
2009-2010	\$ 879,514,840	6.29%	0.953	0.072	0.041	0.002	1.068
2010-2011	\$ 928,808,410	5.60%	0.951	0.068	0.176	0.002	1.197
2011-2012	\$ 968,735,783	4.30%	1.006	0.020	0.169	0.002	1.197
2012-2013	\$ 1,067,156,248	10.16%	1.070	0.000	0.127	0.000	1.197
2013-2014	\$ 1,185,364,177	11.08%	1.008	0.000	0.137	0.014	1.159
2014-2015	\$ 1,389,634,455	17.23%	0.863	0.020	0.124	0.011	1.018
2015-2016	\$ 1,472,775,392	5.98%	0.826	0.050	0.102	0.009	0.987
2016-2017	\$ 1,538,357,114	4.45%	0.797	0.050	0.102	0.008	0.957
2017-2018	\$ 1,573,912,154	2.31%	0.797	0.040	0.102	0.008	0.947
2018-2019	\$ 1,613,503,350	2.52%	0.789	0.030	0.103	0.009	0.931
2019-2020	\$ 1,611,210,672	-0.14%	0.822	0.020	0.105	0.008	0.955
2020-2021	\$ 1,628,308,485	1.06%	0.840	0.012	0.090	0.008	0.950
2021-2022	\$ 1,680,093,238	3.18%	0.840	0.020	0.085	0.008	0.953
2022-2023	\$ 1,765,502,611	5.08%	0.850	0.010	0.080	0.007	0.947
2023-2024	\$ 1,896,876,595	7.44%	0.710	0.007	0.085	0.000	0.802
2024-2025	\$ 2,007,893,020	5.85%	0.670	0.020	0.083	0.000	0.773
Averages		5.72%	\$ 0.931	\$ 0.034	\$ 0.106	\$ 0.005	\$ 1.076

CASH HISTORY AS OF JULY 31, 2024

July 31 Balances						
Fund	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
General	\$6,527,362.00	\$6,349,391.00	\$6,084,292.00	\$6,148,749.00	\$5,008,412.00	\$7,139,021.00
Special Building	\$2,013,094.00	\$695,815.00	\$712,549.00	\$499,232.00	\$524,380.00	\$475,817.00
Depreciation	\$1,481,893.00	\$1,392,019.00	\$1,424,082.00	\$1,295,194.00	\$1,309,269.00	\$1,012,368.00
Bond	\$1,401,909.00	\$1,507,823.00	\$1,528,329.00	\$1,428,817.00	\$1,304,208.00	\$1,326,547.00
Quality Capital Purp.	\$154,298.00	\$148,938.00	\$147,882.00	\$142,371.00	\$139,943.00	\$15,517.00
TOTAL CASH	\$11,578,556.00	\$10,093,986.00	\$9,897,134.00	\$9,514,363.00	\$8,286,212.00	\$9,969,270.00

GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE HISTORY

Year	Spent	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase			
2013-2014	\$ 14,996,561	#REF!	#REF!			
2014-2015	\$ 15,386,399	\$ 389,838	2.6%			
2015-2016	\$ 15,666,649	\$ 280,250	1.8%			
2016-2017	\$ 16,105,773	\$ 439,124	2.8%			
2017-2018 * (SPED 582,320)	\$ 17,099,651	\$ 993,878	6.2%			
2018-2019	\$ 16,791,407	\$ (308,244)	-1.8%			
2019-2020	\$ 17,378,922	\$ 587,515	3.5%			
2020-2021	\$ 18,060,137	\$ 681,215	3.9%	\$351,000 ESSERS II	3.90%	
2021-2022	\$ 18,798,607	\$ 738,470	4.1%	550,000 ESSERS II/III		
2022-2023	\$ 19,650,543	\$ 851,936	4.5%	\$400,000 ESSERS 4.0%		
2023-2024	\$ 20,197,382	\$ 546,839	2.8%	Estimated		

Why behind expenditures

- Decrease because we are out of ESSER Dollars
- I also stopped furniture purchases because of the unknown for the special session
- For a point of reference- a bus 5 years cost 89K and now that same bus is around 110K
- Salaries/Benefits- Increase
- Inflation- Paper, Gas, Shipping

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES

- The vast majority of the increases are increased staffing costs
- Cost of materials, gas, insurance, etc.
- Math Adoption next year estimated cost is \$250,000

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- We have always maintained the goal of keeping 3 months of cash in reserve to help smooth out the peaks and valleys. In years when we lost a lot of state aid, this cash on hand helped us maintain a constant levy. In the future it could help us if property values decline.
- We were right at \$3,409,101 in our lowest point of the year (December). We spend right at \$1.7-7.8 million a month, so we are at 2 months in reserve at our low point in the past we were at 3 months.

GENERAL FUND MONTHLY CASH - 5 YEAR HISTORY (This is for our low month)

2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PRIOR YEAR	
23,305,000.00	23,773,625.00	24,421,986.00	25,315,411.00	25,412,781.00	97,370.00	
7,198,546.16	6,965,573.80	7,308,839.15	7,588,388.32	6,223,780.85	-1,364,607.47	Sept.
6,487,644.93	6,573,319.45	6,331,121.24	6,460,536.92	5,399,874.45	-1,060,662.47	Oct
5,339,775.38	5,492,415.00	5,065,462.08	5,115,175.59	4,237,793.10	-877,382.49	Nov.
4,423,521.44	4,278,914.04	4,203,616.49	3,933,859.34	3,409,101.64	-524,757.70	Dec.
5,002,980.70	4,928,295.94	4,990,777.80	5,113,712.37	5,220,078.72	106,366.35	Jan
5,181,946.98	5,044,198.47	5,320,269.68	5,174,560.40	5,881,710.37	707,149.97	Feb.
4,280,760.37	4,103,001.04	4,472,641.76	4,378,204.63	4,980,872.27	602,667.64	March
4,296,022.80	4,034,740.90	4,368,935.49	3,962,700.33	4,736,375.79	773,675.46	April
5,794,622.54	6,991,552.73	7,619,353.79	6,736,290.84	7,815,074.75	1,078,783.91	May
7,372,180.33	7,176,878.64	7,302,816.20	6,249,554.92	7,953,401.30	1,703,846.38	June
6,349,391.79	6,084,292.70	6,148,749.24	5,008,412.63	7,139,021.16	2,130,608.53	July
5,056,637.75	4,826,086.65	4,677,719.20	3,808,740.66		-3,808,740.66	



OTHER FUNDS

BOND Fund

- For 2024-25 I'm asking for \$ 1,616,162 we will get (\$1,600,00) in property taxes and our payments will be \$1,555,366. The bond levy would be a at .080- Our reserves did not have a lot of room for error in our bond fund so I thought it would be best to add a little more like we did this year. We will also need this budget to reflect a higher payment next December 2025.
- Our last bond payment is set for December 2027. So we will need two more years of including the bond in the budget after this budget. 25-26-26-27.

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QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSES UNDERTAKING FUND

- Options- Do we look at another QCPUF bond?
- Our last QCPUF bond was 1.2 million- 10 year bond with \$176,000 payments.
- I do have to count dollars toward safety ect. If we don't have a QCPUF bond.
- We can tax up to \$0.03

COOPERATIVE FUND

- The Cooperative Fund is a pass through account for Sixpence. We are the fiscal agent so the money will run through our budget. If we use this fund, it has no impact on our state aid, or levy/expenditure limits for any of the three school districts. We did receive a grant again this year so we will need to budget again. We increase the amount because when we get paid may not fall in line with our budget year.

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

- Last year we levied \$171,000 almost .01.
- From our discussion at the board meeting I have set it at .02 which will generate \$400,000.
- Could lower for our revenue authority and use depreciation or leave at the \$.02 and approve the authority up to 6%

PROPERTY TAX AND LEVY IMPACT

Why approve the revenue authority

- Will need it to make the budget work and for the special building fund.
- With the legislature changing this may be the last year we can even use it or approve it.
- Similar to budget authority

Discussion Numbers

Revenue Authority will be an issue for us.

\$12,882,775 is the total we could ask for without a vote of the board to exceed the tax authority. General Fund and Special Building Fund

Last year we asked for \$13,522,222 with general fund and special building

With the additional 6% we could ask for a total \$14,027,083

We don't even have the revenue authority to make to go to the pink postcard bill which would be \$14,029,305

Continued Discussion

Each percent equals \$190,718-

My proposal with special building at \$400,000.

\$13,855,555- 5% using the revenue authority

What does a Penny Generate?

Last year a penny will generate \$189,687

This year a penny will generate \$ 200,000

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX IMPACT FOR ALL TAXABLE FUNDS-

2023-2024 Budget Information

2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2023 Tax Rate
25,412,781.00	13,350,505.00	0.703815
1,580,000.00	1,616,162.00	0.085201
		0.000000
		0.000000
		0.000000
643,801.00	171,717.00	0.009053
185,941.00	-	0.000000
		0.000000
		0.000000
27,822,523.00	15,138,384.00	0.798069

General
Bond

Special Bond
QCPUF

Total

2024-2025 Budget Information

2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2024 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
25,527,543.00	13,451,515.00	0.669932	-5%	0%
1,670,300.00	1,616,162.00	0.080490	-6%	6%
		0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
		0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
		0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
977,245.00	404,040.00	0.020123	122%	52%
7,211.00	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	-96%
		0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
		0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
28,182,299.00	15,471,717.00	0.770545	-3%	1%

PROPERTY TAX ASKING HISTORY

Fiscal Year	General Fund Property Tax Asking	Change	Percentage Change
2014-2015	\$11,988,067.00	#REF!	#REF!
2015-2016	\$12,165,810.00	\$177,743.00	1.48%
2016-2017	\$12,264,498.87	\$98,688.87	0.81%
2017-2018	\$12,545,826.14	\$281,327.27	2.29%
2018-2019	\$12,730,870.00	\$185,043.86	1.47%
2019-2020	\$13,245,248.00	\$514,378.00	4.04%
2020-2021	\$13,750,299.00	\$505,051.00	3.81%
2021-2022	\$14,094,055.00	\$343,756.00	2.50%
2022-2023	\$14,949,495.00	\$855,440.00	6.07%
2023-2024	\$13,350,505.00	-\$1,598,990.00	-10.70%
2024-2025	\$13,451,515.00	\$101,010.00	0.76%
Fiscal Year	Total Property Tax Asking (all funds)	Change	Percent Change
2014-2015	\$14,136,847.00	#REF!	#REF!
2015-2016	\$14,548,662.00	\$411,815.00	2.91%
2016-2017	\$14,747,300.87	\$198,638.87	1.37%
2017-2018	\$14,921,251.00	\$173,950.13	1.18%
2018-2019	\$15,025,859.00	\$278,558.13	0.70%
2019-2020	\$15,409,985.00	\$488,734.00	2.56%
2020-2021	\$15,573,721.00	\$163,736.00	1.06%
2021-2022	\$16,013,220.00	\$439,499.00	2.82%
2022-2023	\$16,678,232.00	\$665,012.00	4.15%
2023-2024	\$15,138,384.00	-\$1,539,848.00	-9.23%
2024-2025	\$15,471,717.00	\$333,333.00	2.20%

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Seward Public Schools (80-0009) in Seward County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the Seward Public Schools Board of Education will meet on the 9th day of September immediately following the 6:30 pm Budget Hearing at the district office at 410 South Street, Seward NE, 68434 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change						
Property Valuations	1,896,782,132	2,007,893,020	6%						

2023-2024 Budget Information

2024-2025 Budget Information

	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Property Tax Request	2023 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2024 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	25,412,781.00	13,350,505.00	0.703850	0.664901	25,527,543.00	13,451,515.00	0.669932	-5%	0%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	1,580,000.00	1,616,162.00	0.085205	0.080490	3,028,967.00	1,616,162.00	0.080494	-6%	92%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund _____			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	643,801.00	171,717.00	0.009053	0.008552	977,245.00	404,040.00	0.020123	122%	52%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	185,941.00		0.000000	0.000000	7,211.00	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	-96%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	27,822,523.00	15,138,384.00	0.798109	0.753943	29,540,966.00	15,471,717.00	0.770549	-3%	6%

Depreciation

- SPS added \$100,000 to their depreciation account for the 2024-2025 School Budget

SUMMARY

- General Fund –This a small increase to our general fund tax asking of 100,000 As a reminder salary/insurance increase will be around \$ 650,000 for staff
- Bond Fund – I feel very comfortable with my proposal.
- Special Building Fund: I have it at .02 to keep the overall ask at \$404,0000
- Total tax asking 2.54%
- QCPUF- I could still do some work on the budget count toward tax asking but would not count on Revenue/tax authority

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS

- Again, this is a proposal. If you want clarification or if you want to recommend changes, now is the time to do so. I want to know what your support is tonight, rather than wait until our September 11 board meeting to find out you disagree.
- Again: \$.01 levy = \$200,000 in terms of property taxes requested.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Seward Public Schools (80-0009) in Seward County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the Seward Public Schools Board of Education will meet on the 9th day of September, 2024, at 6:30 pm o'clock, at District Office 410 South Street Seward, Nebraska 68434 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Superintendent during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://nep.education.ne.gov>"

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	2022-2023 (1)	2023-2024 (2)	2024-2025 (3)			
General	\$ 19,650,543.00	\$ 22,985,000.00	\$ 25,527,543.00	\$ -	\$ 12,210,543.00	\$ 13,451,515.00
Depreciation	\$ 325,745.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,098,102.00		\$ 1,098,102.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ 3,142.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17,310.00	\$ -	\$ 17,310.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 678,561.00	\$ 710,000.00	\$ 710,000.00	\$ 391,380.00	\$ 1,101,380.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 892,712.00	\$ 916,000.00	\$ 1,372,000.00	\$ 326,291.00	\$ 1,698,291.00	
Bond	\$ 1,570,164.00	\$ 1,670,300.00	\$ 3,028,967.00		\$ 1,428,967.00	\$ 1,616,162.00
Special Building	\$ 311,968.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 977,245.00		\$ 577,245.00	\$ 404,040.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 140,179.00	\$ 169,800.00	\$ 7,211.00	\$ -	\$ 7,211.00	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ 174,281.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 176,288.00	\$ -	\$ 176,288.00	
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,291.00	\$ -	\$ 1,291.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 23,747,295.00	\$ 27,031,100.00	\$ 32,915,957.00	\$ 717,671.00	\$ 18,316,628.00	\$ 15,471,717.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ 1,616,162.00	\$ 13,855,555.00	\$ 15,471,717.00