

Special Board of Education Meeting

Friday, September 15, 2023 12:00 PM

Gering Public Schools - Central Office
1519 10th St
Gering, NE 69341



Minutes

1. **GPS Board of Education Information**

Present: Brian Copsey, Josh Lacy, John Maser, B.J. Peters, Greg Trautman, Tracy Wiese.

2. **Opening Procedures**

2.1. Call to Order

President Brian Copsey called this meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2.2. Roll Call

2.3. Open Meetings Act

3. **Reports and Discussions**

3.1. Dr. Nicole Regan, Supt., along with Business Manager, Stacy Rodriguez, will be discussing the 2023-24 school year budget.

Dr. Regan along with Stacy Rodriguez presented the Budget Resolution to the Board. Pursuant to LB 243, the district needs 70% of the BOE affirmative votes.

4. **Action Items**

4.1. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the approval of the 2023-2024 school year Budget Resolution.

5. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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 base growth percentage, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, LB 243 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the base growth percentage 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-two students but no more than three thousand forty-four students may increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional six percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Scotts Bluff County School District Number 79-16, a/k/a Gering Public Schools (the "School District") is more than four hundred seventy-two students but no more than three thousand forty-four students; and

WHEREAS, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing 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 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 base growth percentage 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 to ensure that the School District's overall property tax request complies 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 September, 2023.

GERING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary