



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Astor Williams, Board President
Lyle Schmitt, Board Vice President
Jonathan Cox, Board Member
Janelle Ewing, Board Member
Jesse Knight, Board Member
Stacie Mills, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Jared Smith, Superintendent
Anthony Spurgetis, Chief Human Resources Officer
Jeff Sommerfeldt, Chief Financial Officer / Board Treasurer
Pam Arndorfer, Board Secretary

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Williams @ 6:34 pm.

II. Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget Certification

The Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget Certification was declared open at 6:35pm.

The following individuals spoke regarding the proposed tax levy for 2024-2025:

- Pat Muehl, 1104 S. Evans Road, Evansdale, spoke in opposition to the proposed tax rate increase. She believes the provided information lulls taxpayers into thinking they will pay less, when she believes they will pay more. Additional comments were left with the Board Secretary to distribute and place on file.
- Michael Chapman, 2761 Deere Road, Waterloo, stated he is devastated by the proposed property tax. He believes it was fiscally irresponsible for the District to use Federal COVID funds in a future budget. He further stated it is not the public's responsibility to pay for this board's irresponsibility.
- Glen Anderkay, 316 Prospect Blvd. stated he agrees with the previous speakers. He believes if the board wants more money, the schools should have better performance. He further stated he would only support a decrease in the budget.
- Forest Dillavou, 1725 Huntington Road, Waterloo, stated he is disappointed with the proposed property tax rate increase. He believes with the recent property evaluations, everyone will be paying more taxes.
- Cheryl Christensen, 1702 East Mitchell, Waterloo, spoke in opposition to the proposed property tax rate. She stated she is living on a budget, and with inflation her expenses are

enormous. She further stated she doesn't approve of building a new school. Additionally, she stated that taxes have gone up tremendously recently and if they continue to rise, she believes people will lose their homes.

The Superintendent's recommendation is to close the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget Certification.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight

Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:48pm.

III. Adjourn

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight

Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Pamela G. Arndorfer, Board Secretary