

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416
Buckley, Washington

**MINUTES OF THE WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD MAY 22, 2019**

The meeting of the White River Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was conducted. Under Roll Call, Director Scheer was absent and excused. Under Approve Agenda, it was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Agenda Approved

Information regarding a proposed supplemental levy on the ballot November 5, 2019 was presented by Donna Morey, Finance Director.

Mrs. Morey reviewed current budget status, noting that without a supplemental levy, we would realize a \$2.5 million deficit in levy and LEA revenue in 19-20, and over the next three years a loss of \$7.5 million. In addition, costs are increasing for special education, School Employee Benefit Board (SEBB), general inflation and compensation impacts.

**2020 Supplemental
Levy Proposal**

This levy would add \$1.00 per \$1,000 over our current rate which is \$1.43, for a total less than the rate in 2018. Increases in assessed valuations will cause the rate to go down, although the amount collected remains the same.

It was recommended that a supplemental levy amount of \$3.7 million over each of the next three years by request of voters. The goal is collect the fully approved amount.

The money would be spend on special education, mental health support, classroom support beyond state allocation (especially para-educators and educational assistants), supplemental contracts, substitute costs and professional development. It was emphasized that special education costs are a big piece of this, and it was suggested that this be a priority communication to the public.

Mrs. Morey provided calculations for the current legislation and voter approved levy amounts. The current \$5.7 million is about \$2.5 million less than we would have gotten under a former calculation. She also showed levy projections with the added supplemental levy. The supplemental levy would add \$3.7 million each of three years.

Superintendent Keating-Hambly stated that there will be a lot of preparatory work to accomplish before the November 5th election. Talking points for the campaign were discussed. A resolution to approve the levy will go to the board at their July regular meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, Director Jansen moved to adjourn. Director Pearson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Adjourn

Janel Keating-Hambly
Secretary to the Board

Denise Vogel
Board President