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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 3:30 pm

Bouse Elementary School

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-432.01, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the GOVERNING BOARD and the general public that the GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 will hold a meeting open to the public. The Governing Board reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorney, in person or by telephone, for any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02(A) (3). Additional documentation relating to the public meeting agenda may be obtained at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting the business office at (928)851-2213.

****Public Hearing Minutes****

1. Call the Public Hearing to order.

Pam Finkbeiner called this Public Hearing to order at 3:30PM.

Roll call: Pam Finkbeiner, President

Ann LeMaster-Wilson, Clerk

Jim Pontious, Member

Bouse Elementary Staff Present: Brandy Peck, Cassandra Calderon, Janell Carbary and Becky Williams, Financial Consultant.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Approve the public hearing agenda.

Jim Pontious made a motion to approve the public hearing agenda. Ann LeMaster-Wilson second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

4. Call to the public- *This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38- 431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter,*

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responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

There was 1 person, Cindy Larimore, present from the public. She had a few questions about Bouse's small school adjustment and how it relates to property taxes. Becky Williams answered her questions.

5. Public Hearing: Truth in Taxation Notice

Background:

A.R.S. § 15-905.01 requires Districts to notice and hold a public hearing before increasing primary property taxes attributable to expenditures beyond the statutory budget limits. These expenditures become the truth in taxation base limit and include desegregation, dropout prevention programs, vocational and technical center operations and small school adjustments. For any year in which a school district budgets an amount that is higher than the truth in taxation base limit or levies any amount for adjacent ways or levies any amount for liability in excess of the school district budget, the district shall publish a truth in Taxation Hearing Notice of Tax increase. As required by statute, the district published the attached truth in taxation notice in the Parker Pioneer on Wednesday June 29, 2022. The notice was ¼ page in size surrounded by a solid black border ⅛ inch wide. The headline "Truth In Taxation Hearing Notice of Tax Increase" was in 18-point type. In addition to publishing, the district also issued a press release containing the Truth in Taxation notice to all newspapers of general circulation in the district.

The truth in Taxation Hearing requirements are as follows:

1. The Governing Board shall consider a motion to levy the increased property taxes by roll call vote.
2. Within three days after the hearing, the Governing Board shall mail a copy of the Truth in Taxation notice, a statement of its publication and a result of the board's vote to the property tax oversight commission.
3. The Governing Board shall hold the Truth in Taxation hearing on or before the adoption of the school district budget.

6. Adjourn Public Hearing:

Pam Finkbeiner made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Jim Pontious second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 3:45 PM by Pam Finkbeiner.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Bouse Elementary School District does not exclude members of the public from participation in school board meetings and does not deny the benefit of services, programs, activities, or in any way discriminates against individuals with a disability. If an individual can contact (928)851-2213 at the Bouse District Office via phone number or email between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday- Thursday, at least two business days before the meeting.

Pamela Finkbeiner, President

Ann LeMaster-Wilson, Clerk

James Pontious, Member

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