# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK COUNTY OF OAKLAND AND STATE OF MICHIGAN BUDGET HEARING

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Hearing of the Hazel Park Board of Education was held at the Ford School Administration Office on June 9, 2014, and was called to order by President Nagy at 7:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Nagy, Polowski, C. Hemple, Hammonds, Cook, S. Hemple, LaForme

Members Absent: None

Others Present: André, Barlow, Berger, Meisinger, Stefanski, Watripont, Paterson

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Unanimous Approval.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

# 1. Budget Hearing

Mr. Steven Watripont, Director of Business Services, referenced the 2014/2015 General Fund Budget and the three resolutions that were provided to the Board of Education; the Resolution for Amending the 2013/14 General Appropriations Act for the General Fund; the Resolution for Adopting the 2014/15 General Appropriations Act for the General Fund and the Resolution for Adopting the 2014/15 General Appropriations Act for the School Service Fund. Mr. Watripont stated that the budgets are prepared on a continuation basis, rolling forward the numbers from the 2013/2014 school year to the known changes in the 2014/2015 school year. The budgets are very tight going forward due to the state Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP); the District must show out of debt in the 2014/2015 budget. The Foundation Allowance for this year is \$7435.00; for the upcoming school year the District estimated the Foundation Allowance to be \$7545.00. The District's 2014/2015 budget includes an estimated decline of seventy students. Mr. Watripont stated that he will be recommending to the Board of Education to approve the following Tax Rates at the Regular Board of Education Meeting:

18 mills - general operating on non-homestead property

10.1 mills - debt millage for the 2002 Bonds 2.35 mills - debt millage for the 2002 Bonds

1 mills - sinking fund

Mr. Watripont reviewed each of the three resolutions with the Board of Education. He stated that this will be the first budget since 2007 that the District will show a positive balance. Mr. Watripont stated that he is in discussion with the City of Hazel Park

regarding the Hazel Park School District police liaison salary. Mr. James Paterson, Board Council, stated he believes there is a Letter of Agreement to acknowledge the salary of Officer Pence, Hazel Park Police Liaison, to be seventy percent of his base salary. Officer Pence began in the District in 2008, after a lag time of about five years.

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, stated he does not feel the District is responsible for seventy percent of the police liaison's salary due to the school recesses. Mr. Meisinger is in discussion with Mr. Edward Klobucher, City of Hazel Park, City Manager, regarding this issue

## Discussion

Board of Education Members held a discussion with Mr. Watripont regarding the 2014/2015 General Fund Budget.

# 2. Budget Resolutions

Mr. Steven Watripont, Director of Business Services, stated that he would be asking the Board of Education to consider approving the resolutions at the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No Participants

## BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

No Participants

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hemple, Secretary Hazel Park Board of Education