

**PITTSBURG SCHOOL BOARD
BUDGET HEARING**

January 26, 2015

6:00 pm

Bremer Pond Auditorium

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PRESENT:

Pittsburg Board: Lindsey Gray, Toby Owen, Chris Egan, Megan Prehemo
SAU: Robert Mills, Cheryl Covill
Public: Robin Maxwell, Richard Sargent

The budget hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Robin Maxwell asked by aide's salaries increased by \$24,000.00.

The answer was that it represents two positions that were not in the previous budget; one of which had to be hired for the current school year and the second that will be new next year.

Robin asked about the increase of \$12,222.00 in pupil services under co-curricular sports.

It is for reimbursing Canaan for basketball coaches' salaries and Pittsburg's share of a joint effort with Canaan for combining elementary and junior high sports team beginning in 2015-16.

Robin asked about the increase in contracted services under plant services, with an increase of \$57,256.00.

We are required to replace the lines for the oil tank with double walled lines. The deadline is December 31, 2015. Since the oil tank is close to 30 years old, we will replace the tank at the same time so that we only have the expense of digging it up once.

Robin asked about the \$82,600 increase for equipment under Bus Transportation.

It is to purchase a new school bus. We will take \$20,000 from the expendable trust fund to help offset the expense.

There was discussion on the bond for the building, which is now paid. The total cost was \$3,010,000, with an annual payment of \$195,000. However, we also will not be receiving building aid in the amount of \$77,418.00. The moratorium on building aid was discussed, as well as the new process for requesting building aid by submitting proposals. Only those that rank highest will be eligible to receive building aid.

Robin Maxwell left the hearing at 6:19 pm.

Richard Sargent entered the hearing at 6:20 pm.

Chris Egan reviewed the major variances to the budget, both the reductions in expenses and the additions to the budget. The next increase in appropriations is \$28,764.00, estimated to be an increase of \$.12/1000 on the tax rate.

Chris Egan read the school district warrant.

Dick Sargent asked about the size of the bus. We are looking at a 45 passenger bus, as we don't save that much on a small bus and the smaller bus would not be good for field trips or athletic trips. Dick also asked about budgeting for computer equipment.

The budget hearing adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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02/04/15

Robert C. Mills
Superintendent of Schools