

COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Hearing - 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library

- I. Call to Order - Board President Karen Knospe
- II. Presentation of Budget and Remarks – District Superintendent – Dr. Jo-Ellen Fairbanks
- III. Questions and Discussion
- IV. Adjourn

Annual Meeting

- I. Call to Order – Board President Karen Knospe
- II. Elect Chairperson
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
- IV. Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Authorize tax levy for 2021-2022 school year.
 - B. Authorize the Board to direct and provide for the prosecution or defense of legal action and privileges in which the district has an interest.
 - C. Authorize the Board to short-term borrow to meet cash flow needs of the district until the next annual meeting.
 - D. Authorize the Board to change the Annual Meeting date for 2022-2023.
 - E. Authorize the payment of expenses for board members in their performances outside normal duties.
 - F. Authorize the sale of excess materials and equipment.
 - G. Authorize the providing of free textbooks, if appropriate.

- H. This statement serves as public notice that the School District of Cochrane-Fountain City is utilizing Internet Filtering through on site Cisco equipment on all of its computers that are capable of accessing the Internet in order to comply with the Federal Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (2000). Further, the District, by Board Policy has implemented Policy 363.2, which disallows access to minors of inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web, unauthorized use of chat rooms, e-mail, or unauthorized access, commonly referred to as hacking. The policy also disallows unauthorized disclosure of any personal information regarding minors. This policy was approved by the Board of Education on June 27, 2019. It is included in the Student/Parent Handbook. Any questions or discussion?

- I. Set salaries for board members for 2021-2022

President/Vice President	\$ 1300
Clerk	\$ 1300
Treasurer	\$ 1300
Director	\$ 1200

- J. Other new business as may legally come before the meeting

VII. Adjourn

** Legal Memo Regarding Budget Hearing – Section 65.90(4)

In common and union high school districts the budget hearing must be held at the time and place of the annual meeting (s.65.90[4]).

Section 65.90(4) requires that “any resident or taxpayer of the government unit shall have an opportunity to be heard” at the budget hearing. However, in construing this statute, the Attorney General has held that the governing body cannot be compelled to make changes suggested by citizens at the hearing on the proposed budget. The intent of the statute is to provide for an expression of public opinion, but to leave the governing body free to act as it determines to be in the public interest. Accordingly, the electors at the budget hearing do not have the power to amend the budget as proposed nor to approve or disapprove such budget.

After the budget hearing and annual meeting, and on or before November 1 (s.120.12 (3) the school board should make alterations in the proposed budget as are appropriate (if any) and adopt a resolution approving a final budget. During the period between July 1 (the beginning of school year) and the school board’s adoption of a final budget, the school board may spend money from available funds as needed to meet the immediate expenses of operating and maintaining the public instruction of the school district. Temporary borrowing for this purpose is specifically authorized by statutes (s.67.12 (8) (a) 2).

The annual meeting has the power to consider and vote a tax for the purpose set forth in s.120.10. The Attorney General has held that the school board has the ultimate authority to determine the property tax levy for the operation and maintenance of the schools. If the annual meeting does not vote a tax sufficient to operate and maintain the schools for the ensuing year, the school board has a statutory duty to determine and levy the amount of tax necessary for such purposes on or before November 1. The school board may lower the tax if it determines that the annual meeting has voted a tax greater than that needed to operate the schools (s. 120.12 [3]).