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September 19, 2019 ~ Tax Rate Hearing

TAX RATE HISTORY

Fund	2016 Rate	2017 Rate	2018 Rate	2019 Proposed Rate
General (1)	2.2747	2.3022	2.3057	2.2078
Teachers' (2)	1.3300	1.1000	1.1000	1.0020
Debt Service (3)	0.9304	0.9304	0.9304	0.9304
Capital Projects (4)	0.1400	0.1400	0.1400	0.1400
Capital Projects (4) Prop 3 Temp Rate	0.2873	0.2717	0.2717	0.2561
Capital Projects (4) Prop E Temp Rate	0.2493	0.2358	0.2358	0.2223
Total Rate	5.2117	4.9801	4.9836	4.7586

Chief Financial Officer Rick Angevine opened the meeting with the [Tax Rate Hearing](#), outlining how this year's tax rate was set. The public was invited to comment. Mr. Angevine explained there are a number of factors that go into establishing the tax rate that include assessed valuation, new construction, the tax rate approved by the state from the previous year, the Hancock Amendment, and various guidelines mandated by the the State Auditor. Later in the meeting under New Business, the Board approved the recommended tax rate at \$4.7586 which represents a decrease of \$0.225 from last year's rate of \$4.9836.

Personnel



The Board approved hiring Dr. Candice Belton as the principal of the new elementary school being built on Interstate Drive and scheduled to open next year. Dr. Belton is a WSD graduate and has worked for the District since 2017. She is currently serving as an assistant principal at Boone Trail Elementary and worked previously as an assistant principal in the Hazelwood School District. Prior to becoming an administrator, Dr. Belton served the Hazelwood School District as an Instructional Coach and as a New Teacher Induction Program Facilitator. Candice started her career as a classroom teacher of both third and fourth grades. Dr. Belton has been a member of the CSIP Steering Committee, the Flexible Learning Cohort, and she is currently participating in the Missouri Leadership Development System. Dr. Belton has her doctoral degree in Teacher Leadership from Maryville University, her master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The Retirement of Susan Raster was approved effective December 20, 2019. Mrs. Raster has worked for the WSD as the Director of Child Nutrition since 2009.

Recognition



Tammy Stratman Brown Charities Foundation... Vicki Lederer and Rhonda Thompson accepted recognition on behalf of the Tammy Stratman Brown Charities Foundation for their continued support of our high school art departments. The foundation is named for their sister, Tammy, who had a passion for art and for life and passed away from brain cancer in 2004. Prior to her passing, Tammy herself created the Tammy Stratman Brown Charities Foundation, through which the family has donated over \$66,000 to our high school art programs – including a \$10,000 donation this spring to the art department at Timberland High School for their screen printing program. In addition, the foundation provides scholarships to our graduating seniors each year in Tammy's name.



PAEMST Finalist... Lisa Waltenberger, a math and Project Lead the Way Teacher at

Timberland High School, was recognized for having been selected as a Finalist for the 2019 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award is the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Lisa is one of only two math teachers in Missouri selected to represent the state as finalists for the PAEMST. She represents the eighth WSD educator in eight years to be named a Finalist and we hope she will join Laura Parn and Kathryn Schack who were both named recipients of the Presidential Award in 2012 and 2014, respectively. The White House will announce the winners next spring.



American Heart Association Fundraisers... PE teachers from Discovery Ridge, Duello, Wabash, Green Tree, Prairie View and Lakeview were recognized for their fundraising efforts this year for the American Heart Association. Through programs like the Kids Heart Challenge and the American Heart Challenge, our buildings have emphasized the importance of physical activity for our students while collectively raising over \$73,000 for the American Heart Association. By doing so, the participating schools also received over \$6,150 in vouchers that teachers can use to purchase physical education equipment for their schools. American Heart Association Youth Marketing Director Cheryl Rybak was on hand to thank and recognize the schools and the District for the support and for helping to educate students and families about the importance of heart health.

Consent Agenda Items



2019-20 MARKETING PARTNERS... The Board approved an Advertising and Sponsorship Agreement with Nichols Lang & Hamlin Attorneys as a Bronze partner (\$1,000) for one year.

For more information about the District's Marketing/Sponsorship Program, visit the [WSD website](https://mailings.marketvolt.com/401404/8XYFU1L.html).

Career and Technical Grant... The three high school career and technical education programs received money from the Base and Performance Grant from the Missouri Department of Education. The Board approved purchasing 30 MacBook Air laptops with the grant funds, which will be used in Business and Family and Consumer Science classes.

Superintendent Reports



GIFTED PROGRAM UPDATE... Executive Director of Student Services and Horizons Department Chair Lori Weber presented an [update on the District's Gifted Program](#).

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE... Director of Professional Learning Dr. Karen Hill gave a [Summer School Program Update](#) to the Board.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE... Executive Director of Facilities John Blanton shared a [Construction Update](#) with the Board.

BOUNDARY UPDATE... Board Secretary and Boundary Committee member Brad Buchanan updated the Board on the boundary process. Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services John Schulte also spoke to the process and next steps for the Boundary Committee working on the District's new elementary, middle and high school boundaries. He shared that the first two Community Forums were well attended and a lot of good suggestions were collected. The final Community Forum is scheduled for Monday at South Middle from 4:00-6:00 p.m., and that the survey is open through the end of September. He shared that we are in the data collection phase, we want everyone to have an opportunity to share their comments and that over 1,400 people have taken the survey. Mr. Schulte said that data will be compiled and analyzed for the committee before their next meeting on October 29. For updates on the boundary process, visit the [WSD website](#).

New Business



GRADE SPAN RECOMMENDATION... Dr. Cain made a recommendation to the Board to open the new high school with freshmen and sophomores and give juniors an option to go to the new school or stay in their current high school (if they provide their own transportation). The Board voted to table the decision related to what grades will be at the new high school when it opens and schedule a work session to discuss additional options.

CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS... The Board approved accelerating the schedule for the new elementary school by paying overtime while the weather is cooperating. Mr. Blanton had shared that the project is currently 45 days behind schedule due to rain and wet soil conditions. The Board approved change orders for the new elementary school, the District warehouse, and the new gym at Holt High School. For details about each of the change orders and all documents related to the open session of the Board meeting, visit [public access to Boarddocs](#) on the WSD website and click on the Agenda for the September 19, 2019 meeting.

Next regular Board meeting ~ October 17, 2019