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The Bernie Board of Education held their annual Tax Rate Hearing before the start of the regular school board meeting on Monday the 15th day of August.

The tax rate in the General fund was set at 2.9739 . The tax rate in the Debt Service Fund was held at \$.30.

The Principals gave their building reports and Mr. Dustin Hicks gave a facility update.

"The high school parking lot expansion, annex gym painting, library flooring, new gym banners and floors of the annex gym and high school gyms are completed," commented Hicks.

"The demo and reconstruction of the office is complete as part of the new security doors project. The new doors are ordered and being installed. The desks have been installed in the library and the district is waiting on the bookshelves to arrive," continued Hicks.

The district is waiting on plumbers to arrive and finish the basement plumbing and bottle fillers. The new equipment for the playgrounds have been ordered and the asphalt laid on the basketball courts. The asphalt must cure for 90 days before the athletic court sealant can be installed. The goals and nets have been installed.

The irrigation infrastructure has been installed and the district is waiting on a city tap. The elementary furniture and ice makers have been ordered.

The board approved the purchase of new furniture for High School Principal Brad Botsch. The current furniture will be used in other offices where needed.

Hicks said the trouble with the irrigation system on the softball field was traced to a control box on the pole in left field. He said the wires were corroded and the control box was replaced at a cost of \$1,900.

The Board approved Program Evaluations on School Climate and Summer School.

The program's goal is to provide a positive teaching/learning environment conducive to the growth of all individuals involved. The program is evaluated on discipline referrals, average daily attendance and graduation data. No changes were recommended to the program.

The Board accepted the 2021/22 Annual Secretary of Board Report.

It was presented by board secretary Dena Mouton. The report details the financials from the past year for the board. The total revenues were \$6,504,689.42 and total expenditures were \$6,407,360.43.

Lindsay Beaird presented changes to the Local Compliance Plan and the Board of Education approved the Plan as presented.

The Board approved the financial statement and bills were authorized for payment.

During Executive session, Superintendent Goals were reviewed.

The Board accepted the resignation from Terry Williams as a Bus Driver.

The Board hired Jim Blackwell as a Bus Driver.

The substitute employee list for the 2022/2023 school year was approved.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, September 12, 2022.

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