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REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL PUBLIC DISTRICT HEARING

Joel Barlow High School - Library Learning Commons

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March 28, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board members: D'Agostino, Johnston, O'Brien, Denny, Lehberger, Pampel, Thompson

Administration: McKinnon, Scrofani

Others: 6 members of the staff and public

CALL TO ORDER

M. D'Agostino called the Region 9 Board of Education Annual District Public Hearing to order at 7:06 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET

M. D'Agostino said that he did a brief presentation of the proposed Region 9 budget at the Redding Board of Finance meeting previously, but that he felt that it's important for the public, who may be watching on YouTube, to present it again with more detail. He showed a slide presentation on the proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget that included the slides: Barlow's ranking (821st in the nation and 17th in the state); he reviewed the major budget drivers; the new Learning Center; proposed staffing changes; new A.P. course opportunities; SpEd outplacements; budget reduction in long term principal and interest payments; review of recently completed JBHS Upper Gym HVAC & Safety Improvement Project; 2023-2024 apportionment; and, the overall 2023-2024 proposed operating budget. He then read the 2023-2024 Region 9 Proposed Operating Budget as \$24,811,367 which is an overall year-to-year increase of \$55,848, or .23%. Easton's share is: \$13,256,733 – an increase of \$540,279 or 4.25%; and Redding's share is: \$11,554,634 – a decrease of \$484,431, or -4.02%. The apportionment percentages for the two towns are as follows: Easton 53.43%; and Redding 46.57%

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirley Melnyk Does the proposed operating budget include costs for the Nest Building and Fields Improvement Project?

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

K. O'Brien thanked the Administration and Board for transparency and due diligence.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move that the Region 9 Annual District Hearing be adjourned. (O'Brien, Lehberger).

Absent any objections, M. D'Agostino adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted and Recorded by Karen O'Brien
Secretary, Region 9 Board of Education