

Yavapai College
District Governing Board
Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
1:00 pm

Prescott Community Room # 19-147
1100 E. Sheldon Drive
Prescott, Az. 86301

Members Present:

Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Chair
Mr. Chris Kuknyo, Secretary
Mr. Ray Sigafoos, Board Member
Mr. Steve Bracety, Board Member
Mr. Toby Payne, Board Member

Administration Present:

Dr. Lisa B. Rhine, President
Atty. Lynne Adams, Board Attorney
Ms. Yvonne Sandoval, Executive Assistant
Ms. Deanne Petty, DGB Coordinator

MINUTES

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1. General Functions: Procedural
 - a. Call to Order {Time: 1}
Chair McCasland called the Yavapai College District Governing Board Truth in Taxation Public Hearing to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Board Business
 - a. 2023-2024 Yavapai Community College District Proposed Truth in Taxation Overview – Dr. Clint Ewell, Vice President of Finance - **INFORMATION** {Time: 30}
Recorded discussion and comments are available and begin at 1:15.

Dr. Ewell provided information about the College to the public and the board, including reviewing financial information he had presented in prior public board meetings. He indicated that the College was asking for board approval to raise the tax levy by 5%. That increase is well within the statutorily allowed levy. For a \$480,000 value home this translates to a \$34.48/year increase. The College has not raised the levy since fiscal year 2019-2020.

Dr. Rhine addressed questions she had heard regarding the tax levy increase, including a purported reduction in faculty in the Verde Valley. She made clear that there had been no such reduction in faculty, but that there was an accounting fund change. She also addressed the Fire Science program in the Verde Valley and the College's support for the program. Finally, she clarified that there are no plans or discussions to close the Family Enrichment Center, nor has the College reduced or does it plan to reduce staffing in the Family Enrichment Center.

- b. Public Comments - **INFORMATION** {Time: 25}
Recorded discussion and comments are available and begin at 27:06.

The following members of the public spoke to the governing board about the proposed increase in the College's tax levy:

1. *Cris McPhail (Recording at 27:30)*
2. *John Witchert (Recording at 31:29)*
3. *Janet Aniol (Recording at 34:05)*
4. *Carolyn Fisher (Recording at 36:44)*

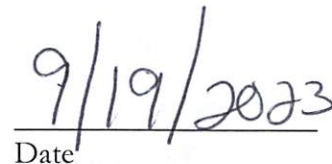
3. Adjournment of Truth in Taxation – Public Hearing: Procedural - **DECISION** {Time: 1}

Chair McCasland adjourned the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Meeting at 1:40 p.m.

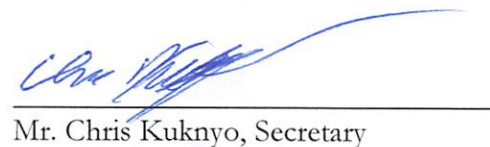
Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Deanne K. Petty, Recording Secretary


Date


Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Chair


Mr. Chris Kuknyo, Secretary