



NORTHEASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Northeastern School District Approves 2017-18 Final Budget

At the May 15, 2017 public school board meeting, the Northeastern School District's board of school directors voted **7-0** in favor of the 2017-18 final budget with two board members absent. Budgeted total expenditures equal \$65,891,468. 4 full-time positions have been created including one elementary teacher, one reading specialist, one high school math teacher and one intermediate school dean of students. 2 extracurricular positions have been reinstated including an assistant high school baseball coach and an assistant high school softball coach. Retiring employees will be replaced. Internally, salary and state mandated retirement contributions and debt service increased while the district's share of health insurance costs decreased. The district's expenditures increased 3.08% while revenue increased 2.53%. According to the law, the district could have increased real estate taxes to the adjusted index of +3.4%. However, for the second year in a row, **the 2017-2017 final budget is balanced without any tax increases**. The district's millage rate for real estate taxes will remain at 26.09 mils. The budget also has a budgetary reserve of \$400,000. The board of school directors is expected to approve a homestead/farmstead reduction in school taxes from state gaming funds for eligible district property owners at the June 5th meeting. Property tax bills will be issued July 1st.

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