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The Oshkosh Area School Board met during a special meeting on Monday, June 3, 2013, to vote on a resolution to express their dissatisfaction with the provisions in the proposed state budget and to inform parents and taxpayers of the Oshkosh Area School District and the legislatures that they support Senator Michael Ellis’ position on the following provisions:

1. No expansion of school choice program; and
2. Increase the revenue limit by \$200/student for each year of the biennial budget; and
3. Remove the special education scholarship provision from the state budget proposal; and
4. Remove the establishment of a state appointed charter school board from the budget proposal.

In recent years, there has been a change in the revenue limit. The state-imposed revenue limit essentially limits how much revenue a district may raise through general operational tax levy and general state aid. Until recently, the revenue limit increase per pupil had been linked to inflation. In the state budget, the per-pupil amounts have been reduced significantly over the years.

YEAR,	05 - 06	06 - 07	07 - 08	08 - 09	09 - 10	10 -11	11 -12	12 - 13
	\$248	\$257	\$264	\$275	\$200	\$200	-\$519	\$50

June 3, 2013

RESOLUTION #1

CARRIED 6-0 LOST _____ WITHDRAWN _____ LAID OVER _____

WHEREAS, the school board, administration, and staff of the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) are united in our effort to provide all children with the highest quality educational opportunities possible; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2013-15 state budget proposal would expand a school choice program that has not produced evidence of increased student performance, does not hold choice schools accountable for student performance, does not require choice schools to meet the educational needs of all children, and perpetuates the double standard between public and choice schools with regards to both federal and state regulations regarding curriculum, student programming, teacher licensure, governance, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2013-15 state budget would freeze spending for the 872,000 public school students across the state of Wisconsin while at the same time increase funding for the 30,000 school choice students up to 22%; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2013-15 state budget would provide funding for special needs scholarships while at the same time not require private schools to deliver the services identified through a child's Individual Education Plan by appropriately licensed staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2013-15 state budget would allow a state appointed charter board to permit national – for profit-charter management businesses to open private charter schools across the state, receive public funding for operational expenses without local school board review or governance.

THEREFORE, the OASD School Board resolves to express its dissatisfaction with these provisions in the proposed state budget and to inform parents and taxpayers of our district and the legislators of our support for Senator Michael Ellis' position on these provisions:

1. No expansion of school choice program; and
2. Increase the revenue limit by \$200/student for each year of the biennial budget; and
3. Remove the special education scholarship provision from the state budget proposal; and
4. Remove the establishment of a state appointed charter school board from the budget proposal.

The Oshkosh Area School District Board of Education unanimously adopted this resolution in open session at a special Board of Education meeting held on June 3, 2013.