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The Wauneta-Palisade school board approved a \$5.3 million dollar budget Monday, Sept. 17 at a noon hearing at the school.

After approving funds to cover mileage for FFA sponsor Dan Andrews and three students to attend National FFA Conference in Indianapolis, Ind., the board moved on to bigger financial issues.

Superintendent Randy Geier opened discussions saying that he is concerned about raising the levy again, but looking at the decline in state aid and with costs going up there are few options. Geier said that smaller schools in the western part of the state are having a hard time getting state aid.

The Wauneta-Palisade school has watched its state aid decrease steadily since 2008-2009. This year's total was a sharp decrease from \$173,000 to \$30,000.

In response, the tax levy has been increased to 1.011234 for 2012-2013. The total for the general and building funds for this year is \$2,839,000.

After a 2011-2012 budget of \$5.088 million, this year's budget looks much more like 2010-2011's \$5.399 million total.

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Year	State Aid	Asking	Total	Tax Levy
12-13	30,000.00	2,809,000.00	2,839,000.00	1.011234
11-12	173,000.00	2,491,234.88	2,664,234.88	0.988390
10-11	630,000.00	2,034,415.60	2,664,415.60	0.957400
09-10	844,430.93	1,960,439.29	2,804,870.22	0.957480
08-09	891,966.72	1,831,567.85	2,722,534.57	0.966721

The school board has approved a 1.01% increase in property taxes for the 2012-13 school year. This is a significant increase from the 0.95% increase approved for the 2011-12 school year. The board also approved a 1.01% increase in property taxes for the 2010-11 school year. This is a significant increase from the 0.95% increase approved for the 2009-10 school year. The board also approved a 1.01% increase in property taxes for the 2008-09 school year. This is a significant increase from the 0.96% increase approved for the 2007-08 school year.