

PRESS RELEASES

BA School Board responds to taxpayer demand

The Broken Arrow Board of Education has authorized two steps be taken in response to a group of nine Broken Arrow taxpayers who have submitted a taxpayer demand seeking the return of money they claim was illegally paid to the School District.

- **Action One**- (as read by Board member Sharon Whelpley at the Jan. 14 Special Board Meeting) “I move that the Board of Education authorize and direct the District’s Legal Counsel to make a written demand on the lawyer for the taxpayers whose names appear in that certain notice letter to the District dated January 7, 2009, and which was received by the taxpayers claim exists in support of each allegation contained in their notice letter with a deadline to provide the information to the District’s Legal Counsel to be no later than 30 days from the receipt of our counsel’s demand.” (The action was approved by the School Board by a 5-0 vote.) In response to the action, School District Counsel submitted the following letter to taxpayer group’s lawyers: ([PDF](#))
- **Action Two**- (as read by Board member Sharon Whelpley at the Jan. 14 Special Board Meeting) “I move that the Board of Education authorize and direct the Superintendent of Schools to enter into negotiations with the relevant representatives of the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector of the State Auditor and Inspector to conduct an audit of all allegations made against the District as contained in that certain taxpayer notice letter dated January 7, 2009, with any such proposed contract to be subject to approval or disapproval by the Board of Education at a future Board meeting. I further move that the Superintendent report to this Board as to the status of such negotiations and the feasibility of any such contract at the earliest time practical.” (The action was approved by the School Board by a 5-0 vote.)