

Minutes of the budget hearing of the Indian Creek School District held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The president called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Hicks, Boehne, Ottengheime, Konen, Conley, Foster. Absent: Palombo

Ms. Palombo arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Rockwood gave the budget presentation. She defined the budget and explained that there is a strong possibility that the budget will have to be amended since the state has only funded two quarters thus far. Ms. Rockwood gave the ending fund balances in 2007 and 2008 and the trial balances denoted for 2009. The cumulative fund trial balances as of June 30, 2009 were given.

The planning for the 2009-10 budget was as follows:

- Continued with zero-based budgeting (asking for staff input regarding their needs and wants), adhered to a purchase order process
- Assumes an increase in O & M of 25% for gas, natural gas, diesel, and electricity
- Budget includes an athletic and music uniform rotation, bus rotation, and new computer purchase management plan
- Continue to follow our auditor's advice implementing a strategy for a "more even" levy in terms of IMRF and social security
- Our estimated general state aid is about \$990,000, and this is based on 22 pays equal to our August 1st pay.
- Corporate personal property replacement tax is running at about 74%.
- Assumes the state will pay for the last two quarters of FY'09 state grants and one quarter of FY'10 state grants. Assumes full pay for all federal grants.
- Assumption of 10% increase in special education costs, plus one more outside tuition placement.
- Assumes the purchase of a second bus.
- Assumes an increase in health insurance costs of 15%.
- As per DeKalb County, assumes assessments are flat for everything except farmland which should go up 10% in 2009.
- All supply budgets remained the same, with the exception of first year life safety work that needed to happen.
- Revenues do not include ADA safety block grant or Illinois Textbook Loan as they were eliminated.
- Due to DCSEA dissolution, administrative costs area will be over 5% more, so a waiver will be submitted to ISBE.
- Overall tax rate extended (from DeKalb County) is 4.69918 (down by .02439 from FY09). We are capped at 5%. Our total extension is \$6,514,546.
- August 10, 2009 newspaper publication that budget was on display.

Ms. Rockwood gave the proposed revenues and expenditures of the 2009-10 budget as follows with 2009-2010 dollars only:

Fund Name	2009-10 Proposed Revenues	2009-10 Proposed Expenditures
Educational	7,109,544	6,910,781
O & M	1,022,077	1,317,186
Bond & Interest – “debt service”	512,850	508,342
Transportation	474,950	544,646
IMRF & social security	183,534	230,841
Site & construction “capitol projects”	0	0
Working cash	91,746	0
Tort	240	104,500
Fire prevention & safety	62,371	178,500
2009-10 dollars only effects:	9,457,312	9,794,796

The proposed budget expenditures for each fund were also given as well as the proposed 2009-10 budget effects and projected cumulative fund balances as of June 30, 2010. Due to mandated life safety work, late state payments, and elimination of state grants, in 2009-2010 dollars, we will overspend those dollars by approximately \$337,484.

Mr. Foster asked if there were any questions from the public. No one responded.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Ottengheime that the hearing be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The hearing was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2009. The president called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Conley, Hicks, Boehne, Ottengheime, Palombo, Konen, Foster. Absent: None

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Palombo to approve the August 17, 2009 regular board of education meeting minutes and the September 3, 2009 special board of education meeting minutes. Mr. Foster had a correction to the August 17, 2009 board of education minutes: page 4 under reports and discussion should read 99% rather than 990%. It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 regular board of education meeting with corrections and to approve the special board of education meeting minutes of September 3, 2009. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

Additions to the agenda were as follows: Under V.D. Mike Alstadt will give an update on the roofing project. Under V.E. will be comments from the public.

BUSINESS

Mr. Foster gave the code of conduct for members of school boards to newly appointed board of education member Shari Conley.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Malm gave a presentation on the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. Last year 26 students went on the trip and he hopes that more students will go the second weekend in June, 2010.

Mr. Jefcik gave a presentation on WYSE. Indian Creek has placed first consistently in division 300.

Mrs. Montgomery had an addition to the high school principal's report. She thanked Mr. Feken, the band and choir, Ms. Novotney, and the F.F.A. officers for their help in the September 11 ceremony.

Mr. Simpson had an addition to the Waterman Elementary principal's report. The first grade received an invitation from Shabbona Elementary's two first grades to go on a field trip.

Mr. Mantzke had an addition to the Shabbona Elementary's principal's report. He thanked Mr. Feken, the Shabbona Fire Department, and EMT's for their help in the September 11 ceremony.

Mr. Foster asked Mr. Simpson if there had been any more leaks in the Waterman Elementary roof. Mr. Simpson replied that there had not been more leaks but there were leaks in the middle school roof. Mr. Alstadt was called and he called the roofers.

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Mrs. Darlinger thanked Mr. Lindley and Mr. Farnsworth for their leadership in CPI training. There are now 66 people trained in CPI. There is also an external RtI coach. All preschool screening has been scheduled for this year.

Mr. Alstadt reported a leak in the middle school roof this morning. An associated contractor dropped something on the roof by a downspout. Issues concerning the other buildings were addressed at a meeting held with Superintendent Pamela Rockwood, Architect Mike Alstadt, Glenbrook Group Owner Jim Muirhead, and Project Foreman Rob Ingram. At that meeting, the Glenbrook Group agreed to pay for all repair and damage caused to the middle school as found on July 13, 2009. A preconstruction meeting was held before the high school roof project was started. After that preconstruction meeting, Glenbrook was authorized to proceed at the high school. Mr. Alstadt has stopped in at the roofing projects approximately 30 times to visit the sites. A complete tear-off was done at the high school. There is another ceiling above the regular ceiling. Part of the bid was replacement of wet insulation and there was more wet insulation found than was anticipated. Mr. Alstadt inspected all the wet insulation. The budget is still to the district's advantage. Two payroll requests have been granted and there is a \$209,000 contract amount still owed providing the certified payroll will be or has been given to Mr. Alstadt. A sheet metal incident occurred at the middle school and Mr. Alstadt told the contractor that those sheet metal workers were no longer welcome at the middle school. The majority of the problems with the sheet metal work were patched and repaired today.

Mr. Foster had a concern with the contractor and asked if there were assurances five years from now. Mr. Alstadt said that there is a fifteen year warranty with the manufacturer and a two year warranty with the contractor. The warranties run simultaneously. Mr. Alstadt conducted background checks before the projects were started and everything came back as being fine. He indicated that the problem has been with the contractor monitoring and supervising the subcontractors.

Rich McElligott proposed an IHSA fishing team. Ms. Rockwood asked if Mr. McElligott had spoken with Mr. Mertz and Mrs. Montgomery before addressing the board. Mr. McElligott had not spoken with Mr. Mertz but had spoken briefly with Mrs. Montgomery.

BUSINESS

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Konen to approve the bills for the month of September accounts payable checks numbers 60334 to 60513 in the amount of \$224,610.92; payroll checks numbers 43835 to 43929 and 1882d to 2090d in the amount of \$525,319.19; and the treasurer's report, imprest fund report, and community school fund report. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the yearly salary report with the addition of contract days of 205 to teach summer school as reported in the TRS report. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and collective bargaining matters. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Palombo that the meeting reconvene into regular session. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried. The meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:06 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen that the executive session minutes be approved as reviewed. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve the FMLA request of Jennifer Darlinger as per new regulations. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve Duane Farnsworth as National Honor Society advisor for 2009-2010. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve Stephanie Stuckey as paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Boehne to approve Kelsey Hart as paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve Kathy Wiencek as drill team coach for 2009-2010. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve Courtney Stryker as cheerleading coach for 2009-2010. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve Jody Olive as 7th grade boys basketball coach for 2009-2010. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Boehne, seconded by Palombo to approve the 2009-2010 budget. Roll call vote: Boehne, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve the Washington, D.C. trip. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes; Foster, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Konen to approve the applications for school recognition. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Konen to approve the disposal of school equipment. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. HomeLogic is "live". There are 72 families signed up for accounts that have students only at the middle school for a grand total of 313 families at the middle school with access to 153 middle school students. There are 105 families at the high school signed up for accounts that have students only at the high school for a grand total of 164 families at the high school with access to 185 high school students. There have been positive comments from a number of parents via email. There are a handful of parents for whom we are trying to get correct email addresses as the messages that were sent out have been returned as being invalid addresses.

Ms. Rockwood handed out the rotation schedule of the activities reports for the board meetings. Mr. Foster commented that he would hope students and sponsors would be involved in the presentations. This would help students with leadership and presentation skills.

The September 15 early dismissal was used for NWEA training, data assimilating, and completion of CPI training. At the next teacher institute data will be examined.

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The first online newsletter will be in October. After the newsletter goes out in October, reminder notices will be sent to the public to let them know they can still receive a hard copy of the newsletter. So far 60 people have indicated that they would like to receive a hard copy.

Mr. Mertz conducted a survey in regard to an interest in bass fishing and other sports. The results and recommendation will be made in October.

Ms. Rockwood asked for the board's input on building tours and school improvement presentations. The elementary and middle school improvement plans will be presented in November and the high school school improvement plan will be in December. The building tours will be tentatively set for Monday, November 2 at 6 p.m.

Ms. Rockwood reminded the board of the ISBE workshop on September 24.

The school board convention was discussed. Those who are not able to attend should let Gail know before October 15. A Chicago school tours brochure was handed out. Those interested in going on the tour should let Gail know as soon as possible.

Mr. Foster gave a president's report. Ms. Rockwood and Mr. Foster met with Attornies Petrarca and Mullins on what the annexation of land to the Village of Shabbona means to the school district. An enterprise zone was approved for the Monsanto plant in Waterman and it was discussed how that may relate to wind turbines. There is a concern on the land being annexed becoming a T.I.F. district. Taxing bodies need notification about areas becoming a T.I.F. district.

Mr. Hicks said that an Attorney Mullins has been calling his house and asked if we are paying him. The answer was yes. Mr. Hicks said that his wife told Mr. Mullins that the material that he was looking for was available at the library in town.

There was no DCP/SAFE report.

Ms. Palombo and Mrs. Konen reported on a leadership workshop on school finance that they attended. They both felt that the workshop was very worthwhile and helped them stay current on issues. Ms. Rockwood handed out a schedule of IASB workshop meetings. Ms. Palombo encouraged the board members to attend a workshop.

Mr. Foster said that the National School Board Convention will be in Chicago on April 10-12 and asked if anyone was interested in attending. Ms. Rockwood will be attending and Ms. Palombo indicated that she would like to attend.

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A letter from Self Help was read thanking the board for the memorial for Audrey Cocking.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary