

Minutes of the tax levy hearing held at the Indian Creek High School Media Center on December 20, 2010. The Vice President called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Hicks, Ottengheime, Konen, Boehne. Absent: Conley, Palombo.

Dr. Rockwood read a statement on the tax levy and went through the different funds. She explained that Indian Creek is a tax capped district and cannot receive any more funds than the district is allowed.

Ms. Palombo arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Mrs. Conley arrived at 7:05 p.m.

The amount of the levy to be filed is as follows:

Education	\$5,463,514
Bond and Interest	\$ 0
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,239,270
I.M.R.F.	\$ 92,920
Transportation	\$ 330,270
Working Cash	\$ 0
Fire Prevention/Safety/	\$ 164,630
Energy	
Special Education	\$ 0
Tort	\$ 119,190
Social Security	\$ 134,330
Lease/Purchase/Rental	\$ 0

Total amount to be levied: \$7,544,114

The Board of Education approved a board resolution at their November 15, 2010 meeting to abate the tax request for the Shabbona Elementary School bonds. The school district requested tax rate that will be applied to the estimated assessed valuation of property is projected to be the lowest tax rate request in the last nine years.

The vice president asked if there were any comments or questions. No one responded.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Conley that the hearing be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The hearing was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, December 20, 2010. The meeting was called to order by the president pro-tem. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Conley, Hicks, Ottengheime, Palombo, Konen, Boehne. Absent: None

It was moved by Ottengheime, seconded by Palombo to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010 board meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

It was agreed by the board to postpone convention highlights until the January board meeting.

### BUSINESS

Dr. Rockwood told the board that as Charles Foster was elected to the DeKalb County Board, he did not need to submit a formal resignation from the Board of Education. Upon being seated on the county board on December 6, his board of education position became vacant. An appointment will be made to fill the vacancy from Shabbona Township. Mr. Foster did send a letter of resignation which was read by Dr. Rockwood. By board policy, Vaughn Boehne becomes president so a vice president needs to be elected.

Mrs. Ottengheime nominated Jill Konen as vice president. Palombo seconded the nomination. Mr. Boehne asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. The nominations were closed. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, abstain; Boehne, yes. 5 yes, 1 abstention, 0 no. The motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Kennedy gave the middle school activities report on Student Council. The "Feed Our Starving Children" project was a success. This was an effort to concentrate on giving back to the community. The middle school hosted the Junior 10 Tourney and pie and coffee were sold. They helped with homecoming and walked in the parade. The middle school participates in the N.I.C.E. walk in May. Officers and representatives will be elected in April and the last dance will be held in April.

Mrs. Kennedy had one addition to the principal's report. The middle school dance was held on Friday.

Mrs. Montgomery had additions to the high school principal's report. Mr. Feken received grants from the DeKalb County Community Foundation, the CCC, and the Indian Creek Education Foundation for new timpani. He also received a grant from the Roberts Family Foundation towards the new sound system. Vic Sebastiano received a grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation for new cardio equipment for the weight room. The high school schedule has been refigured to provide additional supports for RtI. An assembly was held to speak to the students after the staff looked at the reconfiguration of the current schedule.

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There will be learning lab time and sustained silent reading time at the end of the day. Students can receive additional help for English, math, regular test prep. strategies, and study skills.

Mr. Simpson thanked Mrs. Montgomery and the high school for allowing the elementary winter programs to be held in the high school gym and on the stage. Mr. Mantzke thanked Sue Jacobson for all the hard work on the winter programs and Betty Thuestad, Jody Olive, and Chad Crutcher for switching their schedules. Mr. Simpson also thanked Dr. Rockwood for her presence at both elementary programs and her support.

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to present to the board. Chris Chambers asked to have a survey approved for beginning a football program.

#### BUSINESS

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:38 p.m.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen that the meeting reconvene into regular session. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into regular session at 8:55 p.m.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo 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 resignation of Mike Kniffin as high school baseball coach. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve the resignation of Garet Galbreath as assistant high school baseball coach. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve Tina Phipps as paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Conley to approve the FMLA leave request of Adam Lindley. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Conley to approve the FMLA leave request of Simone Johnson. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve the FMLA leave request of Tina Smith. Roll call vote: Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve the 2010 tax levy at \$7,544,114. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Conley to approve the resolution providing for the execution of an intergovernmental agreement establishing PrairieCat and authorizing membership in PrairieCat. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Palombo to approve a resolution providing for the dissolution of PALSGroup and the termination of the agreement between PALSGroup members and the Prairie Area Library System for an automated library system. Roll call vote: Palombo, yes; Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Ottengheime to approve the intergovernmental agreement establishing PrairieCat and authorizing membership in PrairieCat. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Conley, yes; Hicks, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 6 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

#### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. Morgan Haas received the student of the month in graphics communication from IVVC. The district and high school offices participated in the Student Council canned goods drive and it was a rousing success. Dr. Rockwood attended the winter concerts and the high school play which was well done particularly as they only had 2 ½ weeks to put the play together. The high school

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students chose the play. The resignation of the board of education member became effective December 6, 2010. An article will be placed in the Midweek and the district newsletter seeking candidates who are interested in being appointed to the board. Interviews will be done at the January 17, 2011 regularly scheduled board meeting which will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the appointment being made by January 20, 2011. The person that is appointed has to be from Shabbona Township. Football was discussed. Mr. Boehne asked if Dr. Rockwood would get back to Mr. Chambers about his request for a survey. Dr. Rockwood has spoken with Mr. Chambers on more than one occasion regarding this. Ms. Palombo said she received a phone call from Mr. Chambers as a parent rather than a board member. Ms. Palombo clarified the role the board played. She served on the policy committee for several years and told Mr. Chambers that past practice and board policy states that surveys sent out to students must have parent permission and need to be educationally based. She suggested that he explore youth recreation leagues in our area and go that route. Survey information from outside groups cannot be included in the district newsletter and if the school sends it out it would appear to be sanctioned by the school district. The board will remain neutral since it has not been presented in the community. The district has gone through huge budget discussions and actions and they agreed to not add new sports. Dr. Rockwood had the same conversation the night before the call came to Ms. Palombo. A survey needs to be education based by board policy. She asked Mr. Chambers to work with community recreation groups. It was also suggested that Mr. Chambers could send out the survey himself. Dr. Rockwood will phone Mr. Chambers and let him know that the board discussed football and suggested that he work through the recreation programs in Waterman and Shabbona. Mayor Hicks contacted Dr. Rockwood concerning a tax assessment intervention regarding the nursing home. Letters were sent by the village, school district, and the fire district wanting to intervene. No hearing date has been sent.

Mrs. Ottengheime read a Christmas card sent from Basalay, Carey & Alstadt and Scariano, Himes, and Petrarca.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary