

Minutes of the budget hearing of the Indian Creek C.U.S.D. #425 Board of Education held on Monday, September 19, 2011. The hearing was called to order by the president at 6:33 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Hicks, Palombo, Konen, Sanderson, Boehne. Absent: Martenson, Ottengheime

Dr. Rockwood gave the budget presentation. She gave the definition of a budget, the prior three year cumulative fund balance history and a history of the 2010-2011 school year as of June 30, 2011. Planning for the 2011-12 budget for the revenue assumptions are as follows: Our estimated general state aid is about \$445,000 in FY12 compared to \$715,000 in FY11. This is based on 95% because the state is prorating as not enough dollars were budgeted by the state to pay at the 100% level. Our revenue includes early tax receipts of 45% (as is normal) of our current level of property taxes received in May/June, 2012. Corporate personal property replacement tax is projected at \$395,000 (the same as 2010-2011). It assumes the state will pay for the last 2 quarters of FY11 and the first 2 quarters of FY12 state grants and reimbursements. It assumes the remainder of FY11 and 3 quarters of FY12 for all federal grants. Other revenues for 2011-12 have been estimated at 100%. Potential state grants that have been included are at a projected minimum: Early childhood at \$35,000 (remainder of FY11 dollars). SES construction bonds payments of \$516,000 will be transferred from the education fund to the debt service fund (due to tax abatement).

Expenditure assumptions are: The continuation of zero-based budgeting (asking for staff input regarding their needs and wants), and adhering to a purchase order process. This budget assumes an increase of 20% for gas, natural gas, diesel, and electricity. It includes the purchase of athletic uniforms, a bus, and new computers that were on cycle to be purchased. It assumes actual special education costs, with outside tuition placement at Camelot slightly reduced. It assumes the lease of a bus at \$14,000 and assumes an increase in health insurance costs of 15% (January-June 2012). All supply budgets are back to FY10 amounts. It includes \$232,000 for the high school roof and other life safety work. Our overall tax rate extended from DeKalb County is 4.57537. We are capped at 5% and our local extension is \$7,490.958. The newspaper publication date that indicated that the 2011-2012 budget was on display was August 3, 2011.

Dr. Rockwood said the percent of revenues of each fund provided by property taxes for 2011-2012 (as per levy) are as follows: education – 72%, O & M – 98%, debt service – 0%, transportation – 65%, IMRF/social security – 88%, working cash – 0%, tort – 100%, and fire/life safety – 99%. Dr. Rockwood talked about the 2011-12 budget with 2011-2012 dollars only, the proposed 2011-12 budget expenditures in the education fund, O & M fund, and transportation fund. She also talked about the proposed 2011-12 budget effects and projected cumulative fund balances as of June 30, 2012. She commended the board for being able to abate the bonds on Shabbona Elementary particularly in these economic times.

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Mrs. Ottengheime arrived at 6:46 p.m.

There were no questions from the public.

It was moved by Konen, seconded by Sanderson that the hearing be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Palombo, Secretary pro-tem

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2011. The meeting was called to order by the president at 6:47 p.m. The recording secretary called the roll. Present were: Hicks, Palombo, Ottengheime, Konen, Sanderson, Boehne.

Absent: Martenson

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Palombo to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2011 special board of education meeting. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Kennedy gave the middle school principal's report. She explained the procedures that were taken due to the loss of a staff member. There was an active phone tree, email, faculty and staff meeting, and a letter was sent home to the students. Bereavement materials were discussed and social workers were on hand. Accommodations were made for staff members who wished to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Konen asked if there were any more leaks from the roof. Mrs. Kennedy said there have been none. Mrs. Konen also asked about the gym floor. Mrs. Kennedy said that it is older and slippery. Mrs. Konen asked if it was buckling. Mrs. Kennedy said yes, it was.

Mr. Mantzke thanked the Village of Shabbona for painting the crosswalk on Route 30. E.P.C. volunteers will be getting mulch on the playgrounds probably in October. Second graders and their kindergarten buddies are working together on care packages for the troops which will be sent by Veteran's Day. He thanked the Shabbona Fire Department for their participation in the 9/11 ceremony held at the high school. Shabbona Elementary students were invited to attend the ceremony.

Mr. Simpson thanked the Waterman Fire Department for their participation in the 9/11 ceremony held at the middle school. Waterman Elementary students were invited to attend the ceremony.

Mr. Martenson arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Mr. Simpson said the Waterman E.P.C. is having a pork chop carryout supper on Friday, October 14 for the playground fund.

Mrs. Montgomery thanked the Shabbona fire and rescue for participating in the 9/11 ceremony. Homecoming will be this weekend.

Mr. Joe Malm asked for the board's continued support of the Washington, D.C. trip for eighth grade students. There will be a parent meeting in October. At least 20 students are needed to go and there has never been a problem getting that many students. This has been the fifth year that the trip has taken place.

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Ms. Molly Punke gave a presentation on a proposed summer 2012 trip to Spain for the students in her Spanish classes. The trip would be June 13-21. Eight students are interested and there may be another student. The trip is offered to sophomores through seniors. A minimum of six students is needed for the trip. The first fundraiser will be Friday, September 23 with a fiesta dinner in the high school cafeteria.

Deanna Frances and Carole Fleetwood gave a presentation on the Drama Club and their activities.

The president asked if anyone in the audience had anything that they wished to address to the board. No one responded.

BUSINESS

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve the bills for the month of September accounts payable checks numbers 62963 to 62973 and 63022 to 63159 in the amount of \$253,910.81; payroll checks numbers 46128 to 46166, 62974 to 63021 and 6763d to 6961d in the amount of \$376,307.97; the treasurer's report, imprest fund report, community school fund report, and yearly salary report. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Palombo, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Sanderson, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Sanderson, seconded by Palombo that the meeting adjourn into executive session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, matters of collective bargaining, and the placement of special education students. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:35 p.m.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Martenson that the meeting reconvene into regular session. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:58 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 Hicks to approve Joe Piekarcz as National Honor Society sponsor with a stipend of nine-tenths of a per cent. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Palombo, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Sanderson, yes; Martenson, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve payment of \$413.60 to Carmen Guerra as middle school yearbook sponsor for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll

call vote: Palombo, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Sanderson, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve the 2011-2012 budget. Roll call vote: Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Sanderson, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Palombo, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve the summer, 2012 Spanish trip. Roll call vote: Konen, yes; Sanderson, yes; Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Palombo, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

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

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Konen to approve the applications for recognition of schools. Roll call vote: Martenson, yes; Hicks, yes; Palombo, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Sanderson, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

It was moved by Hicks, seconded by Konen to approve the disposal of school equipment. Roll call vote: Hicks, yes; Palombo, yes; Ottengheime, yes; Konen, yes; Sanderson, yes; Martenson, yes; Boehne, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Rockwood asked for the board's input on a consideration of the R.O.E. resolution request. The governor has cut funding to the R.O.E.'s and the R.O.E. is asking for school boards' support in a resolution. Discussion occurred on the potential of corporate personal property taxes locally being used to pay for the R.O.E., the political aspect of the resolution, and consolidation of the state's R.O.E.'s. A straw poll was taken resulting in the board tabling the resolution.

Dr. Rockwood gave the superintendent's report. She applied for a DeKalb County Community Foundation grant for Ipads to be used as an evaluation tool. If the grant and other avenues are not received, we will be looking to purchase Ipads through the supply budgets. She met with First Midstate with regards to our S.E.S. bonds that are callable December 2012. Pros and cons were discussed about calling the bonds earlier than December 2012 and the costs and savings involved. The 2014 PSAE and ISAT tests will be based on the common core standards which will take the place of the Illinois learning standards. Beginning in November, all certified staff will begin to work on a gap analysis of our current curriculums to see how well they are aligned to the common core standards. Dr. Rockwood attended the parent meeting and fundraising meeting on the

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Spanish trip. She commended Ms. Punke for her organization and enthusiasm for this trip. A new bus was delivered on September 9. Dr. Rockwood attended the 9/11 ceremony at the high school and was moved by the interaction between the elementary and high school students and how respectful they all were. The call for bids on the tractor was placed in the newspaper and they are due on October 10. She has been finalizing the budget. The labor relations committee had a meeting and they began discussion on teacher evaluation.

A policy committee meeting will be set. Dr. Rockwood asked the board to think about how they would like to conduct the building tours.

Ms. Palombo asked that the tours include a focus on the challenges in the buildings and Mrs. Ottengheime suggested that the principals also prepare a "wish list". Board members wished to know what the buildings face financially in their daily operation and things that really need to be fixed. The board would also like to know about all the life safety work that is left to do. Mrs. Kennedy will add the gym floor to the middle school list.

The Finance Committee report was discussed earlier in the meeting. Buildings were also discussed during their meeting.

It was decided that in October the board will tour the middle school and Waterman Elementary beginning at 6:00 p.m. In November the tour will start at 6:30 in Shabbona Elementary and end at the high school. The elementary school improvement plan will be presented at that meeting. The middle school and high school school improvement plans will be presented at the December meeting. Discussion will occur during the board meetings of what was seen in each building.

Mrs. Ottengheime read thank you notes from the Marilyn Rath family, the Crum family, and the DeKalb County Hospice.

It was moved by Palombo, seconded by Sanderson that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, all members voted yes. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary

