

**WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 115
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION
AND
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, December 20, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Whiteside Middle School

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Diane Allen
Frank Bennett
Charles McKee
Sean McKee
Tim Mueller
Kelly West
Scott Martin

MEMBERS

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Peggy Burke, Superintendent
Ron Trelow, Principal
Nathan Rakers, Principal
Monica Laurent, Assistant Principal
Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal
Justin Ballou, Technology Director

VISITORS: Sign in sheet included in official record.

The Board Agenda was emailed to the Board members on Monday, December 17, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION

President Martin read the 2012 proposed tax levy:

1. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$5,626,867. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$ 6,022,781. This represents a 7.04% increase over the previous year.
2. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2011 were \$858,070. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2012 are \$808,655. This represents a 5.76% decrease over the previous year.
3. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$6,484,937. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$ 6,831,436. This represents a 5.34 % increase over the previous year.

The President asked for comments/testimony from the public. No comments or testimony was presented. The President asked for comments/questions from the Board. No questions. Mrs. Burke stated that the levy is based on the assumption of a 5% increase in the district's EAV. The President called for any further comments. Hearing none, the hearing was closed.

APPROVE MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2012

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by S. McKee that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2012. Ayes – 7; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS SUBMITTED

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by C. McKee that the Board of Education having had the opportunity to review the claims, since they were emailed prior to the meeting, approves the payment of claims as submitted. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen to adopt the accompanying Tax Levy Resolution, as presented, for 2012. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

BANKING PROPOSAL

The discussed a proposal submitted by TheBank of Edwardsville regarding the district's banking services. TheBank's proposal waives all fees. The board tabled any action to give Regions Bank a chance to offer a counter-proposal.

AMEND POLICY 8:20

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen to amend Policy 8:20 – Community Use of School Facilities, to include a requirement that groups ensure doors are not propped open and access is monitored during activities. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget – No comments.
- B. Buildings & Grounds – The board reviewed a proposed from Cape Electric, submitted by Dan Matter, to upgrade middle school canopy, lobby, and exterior wall packs and elementary trailer lighting; hallway sensors at middle and elementary schools; all subject to ILDCEO rebates.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen, to proceed with the lighting and sensor upgrades as presented. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

- C. Discipline – suspension report attached.
- D. Public Comments- No comments.

MISCELLANEOUS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the written reports submitted by Mr. Rakers and Mr. Trelow. Discussion ensued on additional security hardware including panic buttons and cameras for identification at door buzzers. Board concurred with purchase of 5 additional panic buttons and access monitor cameras.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Mrs. Burke.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by D. Allen and seconded by F. Bennett for the Board of Education to go into a closed session to discuss pending litigation and to review past closed meeting minutes. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

Board went into a closed session at 7:50 P.M. with Mrs. Burke, Mr. Trelow, Mr. Rakers, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Laurent.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:02 P.M.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded C. McKee for the Board of Education to approve the closed meeting minutes from October 18, 2012. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to accept the letters of resignation provided by Robert Lincoln, effective December 7, 2012 and Angie Tucker, effective January 1, 2013, as teacher aides. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to accept the letter of resignation as girls' volleyball coach provided by Debbie Penrod. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by D. Allen for the Board of Education to employ Marleen Wu and Kristin Runyan as teacher aides for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. President called for a roll call vote, D. Allen Aye, F. Bennett Aye, C. McKee Aye, S. McKee Aye, T. Mueller Aye, K. West Aye, and S. Martin Aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by F. Bennett and seconded by T. Mueller that the Board of Education adjourns their meeting. Ayes - 7; Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Scott Martin

President

Andréa Weymouth Board Secretary