

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Monday, December 18, 2017

- Call to Order** President Deb Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call** Roll call showed all members present. Michelle Rich, Laurie Ernat, Sid Haas, Eve Postula, Heather Seghi, Gina Mudge and Deb Black.
- Visitors** Jen Ring
- Truth in Taxation Hearing** Sid Haas made a motion to call to order the Truth in Taxation hearing for the 2017 tax levy. Eve Postula seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Postula, Rich, Ernat, Mudge, Seghi and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- There were no changes to the 2017 tax levy that was presented at the November 2017 board meeting. If the estimates from LaSalle and Bureau County are accurate, the tax rate for the proposed levy for Dimmick is estimated to be \$1.589, a reduction of \$0.066 from 2016 and the rate for Cherry is about \$1.538, a reduction of \$1.492.
- Michelle Rich made a motion to adjourn the Truth in Taxation hearing at 6:37 p.m. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Approval of Board Agenda** Eve Postula made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Postula, Rich, Ernat, Mudge, Seghi, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** None.
- Consent Agenda** Eve Postula made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Postula, Ernat, Rich, Mudge, Seghi, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- Tax Levy FY 2017** Following the Truth in Taxation Hearing, the 2017 tax levy awaits approval.
- School Improvement** Key points discussed at the meeting were:
- Explore requiring Spanish for all grade levels K-8 as a component of the core curriculum versus allowing it as an elective in grades 5-8.
 - Expanding the STEM program
 - Hosting a regional bridge building completion at Dimmick School
 - Developing expectations for the extra-curricular activities at various levels
 - Healthy Eating program revisions
 - P/T Conferences survey results

- District Strategic Plan** Mr. Linnig made revisions to the District Strategic Plan after learning new information at the School Board Convention in Chicago. The revisions simplify the goals and allow for greater focus in fewer areas in order to maximize the impact of the effort.
- Legislative Updates** Mr. Linnig attended a recent VOICE meeting that was joined by Representative Jerry Long. Rep. Long voiced his opposition to TIF and SB 851, the property tax freeze legislation. The VOICE group will be focusing efforts on three areas; property tax freeze legislation, eliminating costs of the annual publishing requirements for the Annual Statement of Affairs and TIF reform.
- Preschool Interest Survey** The District has received 18 responses to the Preschool Interest Survey to date. The deadline for the surveys is December 31, 2017 and the results will be discussed at the January 2017 board meeting.
- Other** Important upcoming events:
- December 19, 2017 at 6 p.m. the K-4th grade and band Christmas Program
 - December 21, 2017 at 6 p.m. the 5th -8th grade play “ Fairytale Network”
 - December 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. the School Staff and Board Members Dinner at Uptown Grill and Bar

Action Items

- Approval of 2017 Tax Levy** Eve Postula made a motion to approve the 2017 tax levy. Sid Haas seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Postula, Haas, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Executive Session** Sid Haas made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:05 to discuss placement of individual students in special education program. Eve Postula seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Regular meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.
- Adjournment** Sid Haas made the motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

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