

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2018

- 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 members present: Michelle Rich, Laurie Ernat, Sid Haas, Eve Postula, Gina Mudge, Heather Seghi and Deb Black.
- Visitors** Mrs. Bazydlo, Mrs. Savage and Samantha Casey of Hopkins and Associates
- Approval of Board Agenda** Sid Haas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** None.
- Consent Agenda** Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Mudge, Seghi, Haas, Ernat, Postula and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- District Audit FY 2017** Samantha Casey of Hopkins and Associates provided an overview of the FY '18 audit report. She stated the district had a great year regarding financial operations with no findings to report. The FY '18 audit report awaits approval.
- School Improvement Team Meeting**
- The K-5 grade reading program was last updated in the 2009-10 school year. Mrs. Petersen worked with sales reps and staff to review, evaluate and make a recommendation for the McGraw Hill Wonders series with a purchase price of \$24,751.68. \$11,801.00 will be covered by the REAP grant leaving the District portion at \$12,950.68. The purchase of the new reading series awaits approval.
 - Kathy Pullam will remain on the committee for the 2018-19 school year.
 - Mr. Linnig reported on the Best in the World Educators Seminar which was held on 9/21 and 9/22 at the Carus Mansion.
- District Risk Management Plan** The District Risk Management Plan was reviewed. There were no changes recommended and the plan awaits approval.
- 2017 EAV Estimates** The combined LaSalle and Bureau county EAV estimate, in advance of the Board of Review, is \$120,834,325.00. EAV increased in LaSalle County by 3.28% and Bureau County by 3.81%. Mr. Linnig has been notified of the intent of GKC Enterprises (Peru Mall) to file an additional assessment complaint. Since 2012, the assessed value of the mall has dropped 51.6% from \$9.3 to \$4.5 million. With the pending TIF, a lowered assessment will have a significant impact on District revenues given that would become fixed at the lowered amount for the 23 year TIF. In addition, there has been a recent increase in commercial and industrial

assessment complaints. The combination of these factors is anticipated to have a significant impact on taxable EAV. Considering these factors, the total tax rate is anticipated to be approximately \$1.54.

2017 TIF Loss Report

Mr. Linnig reported on District TIF Loss. Since 1994, the District has lost approximately \$365,000 in revenue despite having negotiated agreements for all 8 TIFs currently in place (3 in Peru and 5 in LaSalle). In FY 19, TIF losses are anticipated to be \$203,853 with \$258,973 in reimbursements. This is the result of cumulative losses finally being repaid from Peru TIF I. There are currently 44 TIFs in LaSalle County resulting in \$18,174,373 being diverted away from the taxing bodies and into the various municipal TIF funds.

Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Inter Fund Transfer and Abatement of the Debt Service Levy

Mr. Linnig is recommending the Board abate the entire \$232,112.50 in principal and interest for the bonds paying for the original school construction from 2002. The impact of the abatement is expected to reduce the tax rate by nearly 5 cents from last year. The Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Inter Fund Transfer and Abatement of the Debt Service Levy was discussed by the board and awaits approval.

ISBE Report Card Designation

The Illinois School Report Card had a major system malfunction and the data received was incomplete. Pending no surprises, the District will receive a “commendable” rating on the four tier rating system.

School Board Convention

The School Board Convention is November 17-19 in Chicago. Board members attending were given a highlighted list of sessions of interest to the District.

Other

- Mr. Seghi has begun using the E-Mist disinfecting machine throughout the school. It takes about an hour to complete the entire school building.
- The annual ROE Health/Life Safety walk through went very well. Dave Mathis from the ROE stated Ray Seghi was to be commended for how well the facilities are maintained.
- Mr. Bob Bernard constructed a metal cage to protect the wall mounted projector in the gym. He asked for no money for the materials or labor. A thank you was written and signed by the students to show appreciation for his generosity and continued support of the District.

Action Items

Approve Audit FY 2018

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the 2018 audit. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Rich, Ernat, Mudge, Haas, Postula and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve the K-5 Reading Series

Sid Haas made a motion to approve the Wonders Reading Series from McGraw Hill. Eve Postula seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Postula, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approve District Risk Management Plan

Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the District Risk Management Plan. Sid Haas seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Haas, Seghi, Mudge, Ernat, Postula and Black.

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Inter Fund Transfer and Abatement of the Debt Service Levy

Eve Postula made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Inter Fund Transfer and Abatement of the Debt Service Levy. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Postula, Ernat, Rich, Mudge, Seghi, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Sid Haas made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and collective bargaining matters between the board of education and its employees and of security procedures at 7:24 p.m. Heather Seghi seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

Action Items Following Executive Session

Approval of Employment Recommendations

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve the employment recommendations as discussed in executive session. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Mudge, Haas, Ernat, Rich, Postula and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Heather Seghi made a motion to approve hiring Andrew Lamps as the assistant boys' basketball coach. Sid Haas seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Seghi, Haas, Mudge, Ernat, Rich, Postula and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Sid Haas made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

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