

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #12 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2015, WHS CAFETERIA, 401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

TRUTH ON TAXATION HEARING AT 5:00 P.M. & REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 P.M

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, in the WHS Cafeteria, at 401 McDonough Street, in Barry, Illinois. A Truth in Taxation Hearing began at 5:00 p.m. and concluded at 5:45 p.m. and the Regular Board Meeting Agenda commenced at 6:00 p.m.

The Truth in Taxation Hearing (Special Meeting) was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Lorc Weir. Other Board of Education Members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Secretary James Broeckling; Member Shane Fee; Member Tyler Patterson; and Member Chris Borrowman. Member Ayca Raif was absent. Also present were Interim Superintendent Dr. Curt Simonson and Interim Superintendent Terry A. Robertson. Dr. Simonson presented the procedure and background information relative to the tax levy; yet to be determined assessed valuation figures from the County; the potential impact of tax caps; and lack of funding from the State. The figures estimated for this levy are designed to protect the students at Western CUSD #12. Interim Superintendent Robertson shared additional school financial information that included: Illinois Schools being funded at the 2003 rate for revenue; the need to understand that 92% funding sounds good to the man on the street but if schools are aware of what every 1% of state aid generates, that while losing "only 8 %" sounds good, it incrementally results in huge losses to Illinois Schools. For example, if a school loses 8 % of their constitutionally guaranteed State Aid for one year, and their expected State Aid is \$3,000,000., their loss not only approaches a quarter million dollars for that year, but when including an aggregate figure since 2009, would approach several million dollars. When factoring in the previous year pro-ration was 89% and lower in previous other years since 2009 when shortfalls began, the aggregate amount of General State Aid reduction to all Illinois Schools is 3.7 billion dollars. In addition, Categorical State Aid, (areas like Transportation and Special Education), both important areas to Western, those payments have been reduced or some payments were withheld, and if finally received by schools, are in a different fiscal year.

No one from the public appeared to testify.

The Board adjourned the Truth in Taxation hearing to 6:00 p.m. when the Regular Board of Education Meeting began.

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PIKE AND ADAMS COUNTIES, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M. WHS CAFETERIA, 401 McDONOUGH STREET, BARRY, ILLINOIS

The Western Community Unit School District #12 Board of Education met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. President Lorc Weir called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board of Education members present included: Vice-President Inky Shover; Secretary James Broeckling; Member Chris Borrowman; Member Tyler Patterson; and Member Shane Fee. Member Ayca Raif was absent. Also present: Interim Superintendent Dr. Curt Simonson; Interim Superintendent Terry A. Robertson; WES/WHs Principal Connie Thomas; WJHS Principal/Athletic Director Jerud VanDyke; Administrative Assistant Executive/Finance Teresa Schulz; Architect Isaac Miller; Maintenance Director at Barry Jason Bryant; Teacher Matt Etzler; Student Ethan Hart; Media Representatives Dustin Kirgan and Justin Cobb.

The Board reconvened the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

Architect Isaac Miller presented bids for the HVAC Project, Gym Painting, and Sound System/Acoustics. The Building Committee, both Interim Superintendents and Jason Bryant of the Maintenance Department recommended accepting only bids 1) Replacing 2 existing ceiling heating units (cost of \$8,700) and bid 2) Installation of 2 36x36 louvers in the South wall interconnected with existing fans in North wall to provide cooling without RTU at a (cost of \$13, 075) and to reject the HVAC bids for the remainder of the projects, directing the Architect to extend the bid process to hopefully include more bidders, attract interest from local and numerous bidders as we received only 2 bids and believe they were too high for acceptance. Motion by Broeckling; seconded by Fee. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the roof repairs to the 2nd story building (Barry) hallway and to include 4 doors for the gym. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Sick Leave Bank. Motion by Fee; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding addressing Driver Education. Motion by Weir; seconded by Fee. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, absent; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; and Broeckling., yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the Underwriter/Placement Agreement with Stifel Nicholas. Motion by Weir; seconded by Patterson. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; Shover, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board adopted a Resolution declaring the intention of the Board to issue not to exceed \$400,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund, and directing that notice of such intention by published in the manner provided by law. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Patterson, yes; Weir, yes; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; Borrowman, yes; and Raif, absent. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board closed the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:59 p.m. Motion by Patterson; seconded by Weir. Roll call vote: Shover, yes; Fee, yes; Raif, absent; Borrowman, yes; Weir, yes; Broeckling, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board approved the 2015 Tax Levy. Motion by Fee; seconded by Borrowman. Roll call vote: Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Patterson, yes; Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; and Weir, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to consider information on a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District. Motion by Borrowman; seconded by Shover. Roll call vote: Borrowman, yes; Broeckling, yes; Shover, yes; Raif, absent; Fee, yes; Weir, yes; and Patterson, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

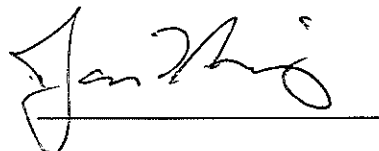
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:14 p.m. Motion by Fee; seconded by Broeckling. Roll call vote: Weir, yes; Borrowman, yes; Raif, absent; Shover, yes; Patterson, yes; Fee, yes; and Broeckling, yes. 6 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board took no action following Executive Session.

The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Weir; seconded by Broeckling. Unanimous yes vote. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY