

WESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.12

Board Meeting Agenda

WHS Cafeteria, 401 McDonough Street, Barry, IL

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 6:00p.m.

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Reconvene adjourned Truth and Taxation Hearing**
- IV. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve the minutes from November 18 & December 8, 2015.**
 - B. Approval of Board Bills from November**
 - C. Student Activity Accounts for November**
 - D. Treasurer's Report for November**
 - E. Destruction of Executive Session Tapes Dating Back Eighteen Months**
- V. Visitors and Reports**
 - A. Visitors**
 - B. Committee Reports- Finance**
 - C. Administrator Reports**
- VI. Action Items**
 - A. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Sick Leave Bank.**
 - B. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Driver's Education.**
 - C. Approve HVAC Bids.**
 - D. Approve the Underwriter/Placement Agent Engagement Agreement.**
 - E. Consider/Take Action on 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 be published In the manner provided by law.**
 - F. Close Truth in Taxation Hearing**
 - G. Approve the 2015 Tax Levy.**
- VII. Discussion Items**
 - A. FRIS Information**
- VIII Executive Session**
 - A. Personnel**
- IX. Approve the Personnel Report**
- X. Adjournment**

Superintendent's Report

Action Items

A. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Sick Leave Bank.

There were inconsistencies in the language that needed to be corrected. This Memorandum of Understanding makes those corrections.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Sick Leave Bank.

B. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Driver's Education.

The Memorandum of Understanding clarifies the placement of the instructor on the salary schedule.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Driver's Education.

C. Approve HVAC Bids.

Bids have been received for the work in the gymnasium. The acceptance of the of these bids will allow the project to move forward.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve HVAC Bids.

D. Approve the Underwriter/Placement Agent Engagement Agreement.

Approval of this agreement establishes Stifel Nicoulas as the district bond underwriter and advisor. Stifel Nicoulas has a strong client base and extensive resources. They work with a majority of districts throughout Illinois and Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Underwriter/Placement Agent Engagement Agreement.

- E. Consider/Take Action on 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 be published In the manner provided by law.**

At this time the State of Illinois does not have a budget. The result is a shortfall in funding for all state supported agencies. Schools are not immune to this issue. The possibility of not receiving 6-8 General State Aid payments has been discussed. A loss of six payments would be \$494,339. A loss of eight payments would be \$659,119.36 This type of loss would not allow the district to function. The district needs to be proactive in its approach to funding. This is reason for the issuance of bonds.

RECOMMENDATION: Consider/Take Action on 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 be published in the manner provided by law.

- F. Close Truth in Taxation Hearing**

The Truth and Taxation Hearing provides an explanation of the Levy. It also allows the public to ask questions concerning the levy and the rationale beyond it. Closing the Truth and Taxation Hearing allows the Board to consider/take action on the 2015 Tax Levy.

RECOMMENDATION: Close Truth in Taxation Hearing

- G. Approve the 2015 Tax Levy.**

All school districts in Illinois must approve the Tax Levy by the last Tuesday of December. This is required by law and is the source of local funding for all schools in Illinois. With the state of funding in Illinois, it becomes the only dependable source of school funding. Without the approval of the 2015 Tax Levy there will be no local source of revenue to support the school district.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the 2015 Tax Levy

Discussion Items

- A. FRIS Report**

