

**Minutes from the Board of Education Tax Levy Public Hearing of December 14, 2020**

The Board of Education Tax Levy Public Hearing of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:03 p.m. December 14, 2020. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Prather and John Barry

A tax levy representing greater than a 5% increase over the previous year's levy is being requested. Notice of the Tax Levy Hearing was published in the Elm Leaves last month.

The Board of Education welcomed comments or suggestions from visitors. There were no comments. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to adjourn the Public Hearing. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

\*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:

Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz

**Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 14, 2020**

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:06 p.m. December 14, 2020. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Prather, John Barry, and Brian McConnell

2. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2020 had been previously distributed and read by the members of the Board. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2020 as submitted. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

3. The fund balances for November 30, 2020 as reported by the District Treasurer are as follows:

Education Fund	\$19,177,653.62
Operation Fund	\$ (316,021.31)
Bond/Interest Fund	\$ (67,565.42)
Transportation Fund	\$ 3,237.64
I.M.R.F.	\$ 365,993.31
Site & Construction	\$ 85,203.48
Working Cash	\$ 182,831.81
Tort	\$ 464,243.24
Fire Prevention	\$ <u>81,168.16</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,976,744.53</b>

Member Ashbeck made a motion, seconded by Member White to acknowledge receipt of the District Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2020. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, Diaz, and Ramirez.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Member Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Member Ashbeck to approve Vouchers 1602 through 1607 in the total amount of \$768,946.75 and authorize President and Secretary to sign same. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, White, Hernandez, Ramirez, Thomas, and Diaz.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Diaz to Adopt the 2020 Tax Levy and the related resolution. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Roeder, White, Hernandez, Ramirez, Ashbeck, Diaz, and Thomas.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve the Hybrid Instruction Plan with Superintendent and Board President discretion to do an immediate adaptive pause within 24 hours if ever needed. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Hernandez, Roeder, Thomas, White, and Ramirez.  
Nays: Members Ashbeck and Diaz. Motion carried.
7. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Ramirez to approve continuing Remote Learning through at least Friday, January 29 with a review at the January board meeting on whether to extend Remote Learning or switch to the Hybrid Instruction Plan after January 29, approve Remote Learning Planning Days on January 4 and 15, move the January board meeting to January 19, and approve having specific special education students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade return to on-site instruction on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.  
\*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
8. Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve a temporary agreement with Sunbelt Staffing for speech pathology personnel. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Roeder, Hernandez, Ashbeck, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.
9. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve switching from Santana Energy to the Illinois Education Cooperative Program for natural gas. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members White, Thomas, Hernandez, Roeder, Ashbeck, Ramirez, and Diaz.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.
10. Member Diaz made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve a Donors Choose donation received by Leticia Gutierrez. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Diaz, Ramirez, Ashbeck, Roeder, Hernandez, Thomas, and White.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.
11. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Hernandez to approve FMLA leaves per the Rhodes procedures for Elizabeth Gatti, Amy Cooper, Ashley Gunville, and Britta Peterman. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
12. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Hernandez to adjourn to closed session at 9:38 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, volunteers, or contractor personnel and discuss collective negotiations matters. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
13. Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Member White to adjourn closed session at 10:28 p.m. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
14. The closed session was returned to regular session at 10:29 p.m.

15. Action after closed:
  1. Approve discretion for the Administration to implement remote-teaching allowances during the 2020/21 Hybrid Instruction Plan for Abigail Pirc (7 ayes)
  2. Approve the hiring of Elaine Anzalone as a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodial position at the rate of \$15.00 per hour when we start the Hybrid Instruction Plan for students (7 ayes)
  
16. Member Diaz made a motion, seconded by Member White to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

\*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:

Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz