

Minooka Elementary School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole
District Office Board Room

Monday, September 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Clucas
Ed Cronin
Al Skwarczynski
Renee Thompson
James Satorius

ABSENT:

Vicki Allen

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President James Satorius. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Joshua Ruland, Ruth Satorius, Aaron Souza, Sara Piotrowski, Linda Walter, Tiffany Staab and Lori Shanholtzer.

2. Public Comment

Linda Walter addressed the Board had questions regarding the new school facility funding formula. She said she would attend the budget hearing to hear more information about.

3. Review of the Agenda

- 3.01 Personnel** - Dr. Monn went over the personnel report with the Board.
- 3.02 Notice of FOIA Requests** - One FOIA request was received by Illinois Retired Teachers Association. They requested email addresses of all teachers and administrators.
- 3.03 Approval of 3rd Reading of Board Policies 600s** - The third reading of the board policies 600s were presented to the Board. No changes were made from the first and second readings.
- 3.04 Resolution abating \$2,380,000 from the Working Cash Fund of the District to the Education Fund** - In order to allow for the issuance of the Working Cash Bonds later in the agenda, the District must first abate an additional amount of our Working Cash Fund to a fund in need. As of August 31, 2017, the amount necessary to abate comes to \$2,380,000. Administration recommends abating the funds to the Education Fund to further strengthen the fund balance in that fund, which has gone through multiple years of deficits and seen its fund balance declined significantly since 2010.
- 3.05 Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,000,000 Taxable General obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchase there of Donation of Propane Equipment from Aux Sable Liquid Products** - The Resolution is what is known as a parameters resolution, wherein the Board will be granting the Board President and Superintendent the authority to execute the sale of the bonds at any time before March 18, 2018 providing the interest rate on the bonds does not exceed 5.0%. As of the date of this report, the planned pricing date is September 26, 2017. Provided the pricing received from the market is less than 5.0% in interest, the bonds could be sold on that date. The issuance is planned to repaid in just over 4 years with roughly \$1.0M per year, with the residual interest costs repaid in the fifth year. Payments would begin in 2018. It is estimated that the additional taxes on a \$200,000 home would be approximately \$75 per year.

3.06 Adoption of 2017-2018 Budget - Dr. Monn reported that he has increased the contingency fund amount of the budget due to possible insurance figures that may increase. He also stated that the new state model should give the district an additional 1.5 to 1.9 million dollars of additional funding. All reports related to the budget hearing can be found in the electronic board packet.

4. Transportation - Update

Dr. Monn reported that Jackie Hardie attended a training from Zonar Equipment which specializes in GPS for busses. She signed up to have a 60 day free trial to see if the program would be something the district would want to invest in.

Dr. Monn reported that we still are having staffing issues and we have been using the mechanics to drive buses when we are short.

5. Operations and Maintenance - Update

Kevin Smith was not able to attend the meeting. Dr. Monn reported that the boiler controls project is underway.

Dr. Monn gave information regarding the playgrounds. MES PTO will be proposing information to expand their playground and WT playgrounds have damage to the equipment and Kevin will be addressing the issues.

6. Technology – Update

Aaron Souza reported that the new copier fleet will be delivered on Wednesday at MES. Also he reported that he will be moving our phone services to Call One in about a month and we will be saving \$500 a month by switching. MAP testing technology went pretty smooth and testing will end on October 15th.

7. Board of Education Topics

None

8. Executive Session

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Thompson to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of employees, negotiations, the purchase of real property, confidential student matters, and/or litigation.

Motion Carried at 6:40 p.m.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Thompson, Clucas, Cronin, Satorius

Motion Carried

Moved by Clucas, seconded by Cronin to return to open session at 7:01 p.m.

Motion Carried at 7:01 p.m.

Aye: Clucas, Cronin, Skwarczynski, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Carried


9. Adjourn

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Cronin to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Cronin, Clucas, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Carried at 7:01 p.m.


James E. Satorius, President


Al Skwarczynski, Secretary

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Regular Meeting

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vicki Allen (via phone conference)

John Clucas

Ed Cronin

Al Skwarczynski

Renee Thompson

James Satorius

ABSENT:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President James Satorius. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Joshua Ruland, Sara Piotrowski, Aaron Souza, Ruth Satorius, Linda Walter, Natalie Baxter, Ciara Manno, Jason Finkelstein, Jeana Pekol, Kathleen Cheshareck, Tiffany Staab, Sarah Monroe, Jenny Gura, Jennifer & John Press, Rich & Katie Kuchar, Mary & Andy Karceski, Bob & Stefanie Depolo, Jeff & Kelly Petrovic, Jim & Lisa Short and Lori Shanholtzer.

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Clucas to approve the agenda as presented.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Clucas, Allen, Cronin, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Carried.

2. Public Hearing

2.01 Public Hearing FY2018 Budget

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Skwarczynski to open the public hearing as presented at 7:07 p.m.

Aye: Thompson, Skwarczynski, Allen, Clucas, Cronin, Satorius

Motion Carried.

Dr. Monn shared information regarding the FY2018 Budget.

Board President James Satorius asked if there was any comments from the Board or public.

No comments.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Skwarczynski to close the public hearing as presented at 7:07 p.m.

Aye: Thompson, Skwarczynski, Allen, Cronin, Clucas, Satorius

Motion Carried.

3. Public Comments and Recognitions

3.01 Comments from Employees and the Public

New Teacher Jenny Gura was introduced to the Board.

3.02 Students of the Month Recognition

Students of the Month from MIS and MJHS were honored by the Board and read speeches to the public.

4. Consent Agenda

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Clucas to approve the list of bills, minutes from August 21, 2017 regular board meeting, treasurer's report, list of bills, Grundy County Preschool reports, destruction of the closed session recordings from September 2015, FOIA requests, 3rd Reading of Board Policies 600s as presented.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Clucas, Allen, Cronin, Thompson, Satorius
Motion Approved.

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Clucas to approve the personnel report as presented.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Clucas, Allen, Cronin, Thompson, Satorius
Motion Approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 District Assessment Calendar

Dr. Ruland shared with the Board the assessment calendar that he prepared.

6. Action Items

6.01 Resolution abating \$2,380,000 from the Working Cash Fund of the District to the Education Fund

Moved by Clucas, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the Resolution abating \$2,380,000 from the Working Cash Fund of the District to the Education Fund as presented..

Aye: Clucas, Skwarczynski, Allen, Cronin, Thompson, Satorius
Motion approved.

6.02 Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,000,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Clucas to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,000,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof as presented.

Aye: Thompson, Clucas, Allen, Cronin, Skwarczynski, Satorius
Motion approved.

6.03 Adoption of 2017-2018 Budget

Moved by Clucas, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the adoption of 2017-2018 Budget as presented.

Aye: Clucas, Skwarczynski, Cronin, Thompson, Satorius
Abstain: Allen
Motion approved.

7. COMMUNICATION

7.01 Administrative Reports

Dr. Monn Report

- Dr. Monn shared information with the Board regarding Kristan Crouch resigning from the Board. He shared a timeline with the Board and when the vacancy needs to be filled and stated that the Board could change the October 5th special board meeting to do interviews instead of working on strategic planning.

Dr. Ruland Report

- Dr. Ruland shared information with the Board regarding the NWEA Mapping. He stated that the testing went very well.

7.02 Board Topics

None

8. Executive Session

Moved by Allen, seconded by Skwarczynski to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of employees, negotiations, the purchase of real property, confidential student matters, and/or litigation.

Motion Carried at 7:45 p.m.

Aye: Allen, Skwarczynski, Cronin, Clucas, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Carried

Moved by Allen, seconded by Skwarczynski to return to open session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion Carried at 8:05 p.m.

Aye: Allen, Skwarczynski, Clucas, Cronin, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Carried

9. Action as a result of Executive Session from Committee of the Whole

None


10. Adjournment

Moved by Clucas, seconded by Skwarczynski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Aye: Clucas, Skwarczynski, Allen, Cronin, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Carried at 8:06 p.m.


James E. Satorius, President


Al Skwarczynski, Secretary