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The Zion District 6 Board of Education discussed a potential Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for HB2408 at its meeting on Thursday night. HB2408 is directly related to pending legislation related to nuclear waste storage and the previous Zion nuclear power plant. The Board of Education is unwilling to commit to signing the proposed IGA at this time, as there are a number of unknowns.

According to both Joyce Mason and Sam Yingling (legislative bill sponsors), their advice was to take no action at this point for several reasons:

- 1 – the State grant application has not yet been written,
- 2 – the State grant requirements are unknown at this time,
- 3 – funds will not be available until August 2023 at the earliest, and
- 4 – the actual funding for each year will not be known until the Illinois state budget is passed.

Both Joyce Mason and Sam Yingling let the Board of Education know they will attend a Zion District 6 board meeting to give us more information on the legislation and potential next steps. We hope to schedule that meeting in the very near future. Not signing the IGA right now does not preclude us from signing it later. In addition, based on additional information we receive, we may propose changes to the intergovernmental agreement.

District 6 has been abating back tax dollars to community stakeholders and will be voting on abating over \$1.2 million. We remain committed to being fiscally prudent for our students and community.

Zion Elementary District 6 Board of Education