

**MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF O'FALLON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 90
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
118 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
7 P.M.**

President Coers called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call.

PRESENT: Scott Adkins, Mary Baskett, Becky Drury, Steve Hellin, Keith Richter,
Steve Springer and John Coers.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Todd Roach, Pam Fowl, Tempie Lyons, Mary Gray, Mr. and Mrs.
Chuck Bowes, Ron Davinroy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Davinroy told Dr. Koehl that his presentation did not hit the mark. The data was historical. It did not cover the benefit package given to teachers. Majority of budget is benefits and salaries and that's where the problem lies. No one in the private sector gets the same benefits as teachers. Mr. Davinroy encouraged Dr. Koehl and the Board to look at opportunities that his grandchildren will have in O'Fallon or will they have to leave the state? There was no discussion on consolidation. You gave us two choices, a tax increase or to cut programs.

Baskett stated that she attended a session on Consolidation at the Conference. Boards cannot consolidate the schools. Laws regulate how a consolidation will progress. It takes three to five years to complete a consolidation.

Adkins asked how do we address the immediate needs we have over the next 10-18 months? I am not interested in a band-aid, but rather a long term fix.

Springer asked what the desired end result of tonight's meeting was? The tax levy that you will present is suppose to be 39, 49, or 53 cents. None of those three are acceptable to Springer.

Two million dollars is our short fall. Springer has come up with numbers that will save 2.2 million dollars. Shutting down programs is not the only option. There are all kinds of ways to save money. A 39 cent increase for the Education Fund will not cover after two years. Dr. Koehl's approach is that specials and extra curriculars have to go away. Sports and band are self funded.

Springer passed around a worksheet of his ideas to cut the budget by two million dollars. Some of the ideas were in agreement with Dr. Koehl's ideas.

- Not replacing retiring teachers
- Increase registration fees
- Share Custodians
- Change Health Insurance
- Self Fund Sports
- Rizo Contract
- Exterminator
- Band Self Funded
- Instructional Aides
- Increase class size
- Electrical Savings

If further cuts were needed suggestions were:

- Cut Tech Budget by 10%
- SRS Misc. of:
 1. Uniforms, Touch of Nature, Triple I Conference, CC's, Boardbook, Staff breakfast, 8th grade graduation and IASB membership
- Close a Building
- Close Adm building
- Staff Compensation cut by 2%
- Administration cuts by 5%
- Stipends

Superintendent Koehl stated that classrooms come first. We offer 120 minutes of specials per week. I believe that it is better for the students to have smaller classrooms than 120 minutes of specials.

Hellin asked how do you function in a building without specials.

Dr. Koehl replied that the elementary schools will have a 22 minutes later start time. The Junior High will run on the same time schedule as it currently does.

Baskett stated that she was told by a village official that the EAV in O'Fallon will be going down 3-4% because of the reassessments.

Dr. Koehl informed the Board that the General State Aid is cut to 80% by the state.

President Coers stated that District 90 needs to have 10% of the budget held in reserve. What does the Board want to see as a projected levy?

Steve Hellin replied 49 cent.

Springer made a motion to leave the Education Fund at \$1.40. Motion died for lack of a second.

Richter moved to approve a 53 cent tax increase. Baskett seconded. President Coers called for a Roll Call vote. Baskett and Richter voted aye. Drury, Springer, Hellin, Adkins voted nay. President Coers stated Motion failed, he did not vote.

Drury moved to have a maximum of a 49 cent rate in the Education Fund. Baskett Seconded. Roll Call. Drury, Richter, Hellin, Adkins, Baskett and Coers voted aye. Springer voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Roach asked what the total tax rate was.

Dr. Koehl replied \$3.58.

Chuck Bowes stated that the public is not equally affected by the tax rates. What the state requires is what District 90 should have. The extras should be paid for by the tax payers.

Tempie Lyons said District 90 needed to look at everything to cut costs like colored ink is more expensive than black ink. It's small but it needs to be looks at. Ms. Lyons inquired qhat percent of O'Fallons property tax payers are parents? Ms. Lyons quoted Richter as saying we would not be a public school if we charge for sports. Ms. Lyons suggested giving a public

service credit towards the extra curriculars. Ms. Lyons stated that they are preparing to leave O'Fallon because of the taxes.

Springer stated that 33% of parents are tax payers.

Ms. Lyons asked why we were reducing the elementary day by 22 minutes instead of using those minutes to teach math.

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Drury, to enter into an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Issues Relative to Personnel and Collective Negotiating Matters According to Section 2, subsection c, #1 and #2 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll Call. All voted aye. Motion carried. (9:20 p.m.)

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Drury, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye. Motion carried. (9:55 p.m.)

Moved by Adkins, seconded by Richter to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Adjournment time was 9:56 p.m.

John Coers, President

Becky Drury, Secretary

June Wilkey Isselhardt
Recording Secretary