

March 6, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

of the

Board of Education of the Solon School District

The Solon Board of Education and City Council, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in a joint city council/school board meeting, on March 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Solon City Council Chambers.

Mrs. Julie Glavin, President, presiding

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas

DISCUSSION WITH CITY COUNCIL

The Solon Board of Education met jointly March 6 with Solon City Council to discuss funding issues in the Governor's budget that will negatively impact the Solon Schools and the city.

For the Solon Schools, the most critical issue is the phase-out of Tangible Personal Property Tax funding. At risk for the district is \$8.3 million a year, or \$1,800 per student. This amounts to 13% of the school district's annual budget and is already down from the \$10.7 million the district received annually in TPP reimbursement funding in 2011.

If allowed to stand, current state law enacted in 2015 as part of the last biennial budget, creates a "fiscal cliff" on July 1. That day, the Solon Schools will lose an additional \$3.5 million in tangible personal property tax reimbursement. In real terms, this means the Solon Schools will receive only \$4.825 million in tangible personal property tax funding next year – a significant loss of \$5.875 million a year since 2011.

By July of 2024 (just seven years away), the Solon Schools will receive \$0 – a cumulative loss to our schools of more than \$80 million.

Just like in past state budget cycles, the Solon Schools will be active in Columbus working with a statewide coalition to retain reimbursement funding for these once-local revenues. Communications from the district about the process and specific requests for grassroots advocacy at the appropriate time will be sent to all families, residents and businesses.

Having an open discussion, which included our State Sen. Matt Dolan, is important for advancing our work in Solon to retain TPP funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-17

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Patton seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: NONE **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

President

Treasurer