

MINUTES OF A **PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2009-2010 BUDGET** FOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**, IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 15000 COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Present at the meeting were: Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent; Mr. Steven Gress, Director of Business Operations, and Board Members Dr. Carl E. King, Sr. and Dr. Sallie Penman.

ROLL
CALL

Mr. Gress opened the hearing and provided an overview of the 2009-2010 District 205 Budget. The Tentative Budget was on public display for more than 30 days, since August 13, 2009, as required by law. Changes were made to the Tentative Budget regarding more detailed information on expenses and for grants that have come through within the 30 days so that revenues and expenses related to the grants have been adjusted. Deficit spending is due to capital expenses resulting from the November 2008 capital improvement bond issue. Budget assumptions included the tax levy collections which were conservatively estimated at 87% due to the weak economy and increase in foreclosures; other revenue sources remained consistent with the 2008-09 actual collections. State source revenue was projected to be lower than the 2008-09 actual collections; federal revenue was projected to increase due to the Federal stimulus dollars. Expenses were projected on maintaining staffing levels consistent with 2008-09 needs and contracted increases; employee benefits were based on union contracted increases (approximately 10%); purchased services were based on consumer price index increases and contracted increases; capital outlay was increased based on technology, buildings and grounds requests and expected capital expenditures. Total revenue is approximately \$102 million with total expenses of approximately \$118 million. The hearing was then opened for public participation.

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At 6:09 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence joined the hearing.

MRS. LAWRENCE
JOINED HEARING

At 6:15 p.m., Mr. Williams joined the hearing.

MR. WILLIAMS
JOINED HEARING

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

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- Felita Crayton (Dolton resident) asked: 1) What are outside services; 2) What is the difference between the 2009 budget and the 2010 budget line item for outside services; 3) are we taking money out of the bond that was issued in November 2008 to pay for capital outlay; 4) what amount did we collect for fines and book fees; 5) what are purchased services; 6) what fund do minor purchases come from; 7) is there a line item for parental involvement. In response: 1) ECHO Joint Agreement for Special Ed students and Academy For Learning tuition payments; the other portion is the bond issue payments; 2) the Special Ed payment has always been between \$8 and \$9 million depending upon the number of students served; the bond and interest payment has been about the same; 3) an anticipated amount must be included in the budget and the Board has not yet determined how the money will be spent; 4) Mr. Gress will provide it to her; 5) transportation, security services, custodial services and food services; 6) operations and maintenance fund for building-related expense; education fund for education related expenses; 7) no; parental involvement is part of a grant requirement that provides parental workshops regarding support programs for student success.
- Mr. Williams suggested that the budget be on display for public review for an additional 30 days. Dr. Buckner stated that according to Illinois School Code, the budget must be approved at this time. The budget can be amended, but it must be submitted to the State of Illinois by September 30, 2009.

At 6:26 p.m., the Public Hearing was concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary