

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Special Meeting

May 25, 2016

auditorium

Members Present: Frank, Cizdziel, Kowalski, Jackson-McCarty, Frascella, Kazmierczak, Fleischman

Absent: none

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Nick Kowalski, Lesley Durandetto, Tom and John Seltzer, Kevin Murray, Kathy Savko, Sally Signore, John Zerfas, Cathy and Lou Stagner, Rich Place, Scott VanBuskirk, Steve and Mychelle Wedvik, Kay and Bob Conrad, Lisa and Robert Green, James and Jenny Wangelin, Tim Ploetz, Glenn Keller, Amy Butler, Orlando Perez, Ann Ulmer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Special Meeting called to order at 7:01pm with Frascella presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the agenda as stated

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV: NEW BUSINESS:

A. The Board of Education will discuss the results of the school budget vote. The Board will decide whether or not they will submit a budget for revote or adopt a contingency budget.

Eric Lawton started the discussion regarding the above. There is the option to put the same budget out for a revote or a revised budget. A lot of work went into the proposed budget by the administration and audit committee. The budget was voted down along with the 7% decrease in the tax levy. If the board decides to put the a budget back up for vote the whole process would need to be repeated; consult with school attorneys, legal notification, ballots, workers for the vote, renting the machines and he would suggest to put the bus proposition up for vote again if the board chooses to repeat. The revote would need to be June 21, 2016. With this choice would the outcome change? Would we end up at a contingent vote anyway? The other choice would be to go to contingent budget now. At this meeting the board only has to make a decision on the budget. The

decision for tax levy needs to be made by the end of June. Ann read from the school law book sections regarding defeated budgets and contingency budgets. Options when a budget is defeated; resubmit the defeated budget or a revised budget (the date of the second vote is prescribed by law and would be June 21st). The board could vote to adopt a contingency budget. That budget could not exceed the current year tax levy greater than the tax that was levied for in the prior year. We would have some restrictions under this type of budget. Ann provided the board with two motions to be used as guidelines in their decision.

Mike Frascella states that he feels the budget should go back out as is, believes in the proposed budget and feels the budget was very responsible with benefits to all tax payers. The committee has made their point and it is unfortunate that they feel the process is not fast enough.

Steve Kowalski states that he cannot believe that such a good budget went down. Feels that we need to go to contingency budget. Need to stop taking everyone away from the educational process and feels that by going with contingency budget our programs will not suffer.

Brad Frank states that he supports the revote. It will pass this time.

Steve Kowalski states that there is no guarantee that will happen.

Brad Frank feels that the public should have been able to have their comment section at this meeting. The board would then have heard that the budget will pass this time.

George Kazmierczak states the board has been working towards a goal for the district. The message has been received. He agrees with not putting it up for revote.

Teaseleman Jackson-McCarty states that the budget was worked very hard on. She wants what is good for the community and the kids. She agrees with not putting it up for revote.

Kim Cizdziel states she was very surprised that the budget would be voted down and the bus? The bus is for the safety of the kids.

Mary Fleischman states she was also surprised. The community wanted a decrease in taxes and that was done. She agrees with a revote.

Steve Kowalski makes a motion to adopt a contingency budget for the 2016-2017 school year, which includes permitted contingent expenses, in the amount of \$8,897,863.

Teaselaman Jackson-McCarty seconds the motion.

During the discussion part of the motion – George stated that the tax levy can be set at the appropriate level by the end of June. Ann reminded the board that they are just voting on the school budget. Mike Frascella stated that he is not happy about the facility use charge. Brad agrees. Ann stated that the facility use charges would be discussed for each situation. If it does not cost the district any additional costs there might not be a charge.

Carolyn Boberg asks if the original motion would still be valid. Kowalski made the motion, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty. Roll call: Kazmierczak-aye, Jackson-McCarty-aye, Cizdziel-aye, Kowalski-aye, Fleischman-nay, Frank-nay, Frascella-nay.

4 ayes, 3 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kowalski to cancel the June 6, 2016 Board of Education meeting. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

V: Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to **ADJOURN** at 7:35pm
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk