

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 16, 2008

6:30 P.M.

Educational Services Center

The Board of Education of the Bloomington Public Schools, School District 87, McLean County, Illinois, met in Special Session.

Ms. Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, President, Mr. John Dirks, Mrs. Janet Smith, Mr. Joe Butcher, Mr. Michael Harrison, Mrs. Millicent Roth and Dr. Steve Perry.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Robert Nielsen, Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Teresa Hill and Mr. David Wood.

Mrs. Jackson stated that we will now have a Public Hearing for the Tax Levy 2008. She stated that "In accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-60), the Board of Education will now hold a public hearing on the 2008 Tax Levy for the Bloomington Public Schools, District #87.

The District prepared a 2008 Levy Report which the Board reviewed at its November 12, 2008 meeting. The Board also approved a resolution which determined the amount of money estimated to be necessary from the property tax for the next fiscal year at that meeting.

Notice of a Public Hearing on the 2008 Levy was published in The Pantagraph on December 6, 2008.

The proposed 2008 levy, including debt service, is \$40.0M, an increase of 4.7% over the 2007 levy and a 6.7% increase over the 2007 extension. The primary need for additional funds is to pay increases in salary, benefits, and purchased services and to offset changes in state and federal funds.

Mr. David Wood, Chief Financial and Legal Officer for District #87, will summarize the 2008 levy and the Board and members of the public will be given an opportunity to discuss the budget."

Mr. Wood summarized the 2008 levy and indicated that nothing had changed since the Levy Report was presented in November. He stated that the specific amount paid by each taxpayer will ultimately depend on their particular assessment and the final tax rate.

Mrs. Jackson asked "Is there any discussion from the Board?"

There was no discussion by the Board.

Mrs. Jackson asked "Is there any discussion from the public?"

There was no discussion from the public.

Mrs. Jackson stated "The Public Hearing is now concluded."

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mr. Harrison that the Board approve the 2008 Levy. Upon a roll call vote, all Members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board move into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of District 87, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and to consider an action against, affecting or on behalf of the District that has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Upon a roll call vote, all Members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Mrs. Jackson adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

