

**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 17, 2012**

The Special Board of Education Meeting of the Community Consolidated School District 46; Lake County, Illinois was held at Woodview School located at 340 N. Alleghany Rd., Grayslake, IL on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

President Millington called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Ray Millington, Sue Facklam, Kip Evans, Shannon Smigielski and Karen Weinert

Absent: Keith Surroz and Michael Carbone

Quorum was established.

Also present: Superintendent Ellen Correll and Business Manager, Anna Kasprzyk

President Millington called for a motion for the approval of the October 17, 2012 Special Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motioned by Evans, seconded by Smigielski for the approval of the October 17, 2012 Special Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

Anna Kasprzyk provided board members with a 3-year summary of expenditures and revenues, budget cuts/revenue increases, and a current list of organizations and payments. Anna summarized the 3-year expenditures and revenues document noting that we have decreased our expenditures over the past 3 years because revenues continue to get smaller. **Member Millington** stated that the biggest hit to the budget is the reduction in state revenue. Board Members are trying to make up for that reduction in state revenue and they are going to need everyone's help.

Grayslake Business Owners Discussion on Budget

Presentation provided to Board Members by a Grayslake Commercial Reality Business owner and Gymnastics Factory owner. The business community is concerned about the high real estate taxes rates in Avon Township. Information pertaining to education expenses as a percentage of total tax bill and tax increases was given to members. Business owners believe the tax increases here in Grayslake is out of control compared to other townships. A D46 Income/Expense Summary for 2007-2011 was also presented to members.

In closing, Small Business Owners feel things cannot continue the way they are. The deficit budget for 2012-2013 that was passed last month by this Board appears to be on the path to raise the local tax levy in order to make up the deficit. Business Owners are opposed to this action. The Business community cannot continue to absorb these kinds of Real Estate Tax increases. If this trend continues, we will begin to see an exodus of businesses out of this county to search for a more business friendly environment. Business owners are also disturbed that Board Members approved a deficit budget. The Board must reduce operating costs, as state revenues will continue to be reduced.

Public Comment:

Mark Schroeder, Grayslake Small Business Owner – Business struggles due to past tax increases. Eventual goal is to move business out of Grayslake.

Unidentified Small Business Owner – Business is an Internet driven business and he paid \$80,000 in taxes for his facility. More tax increases will force him to move.

Ellen Ross, Small Business Owner and Resident – Between business and property taxes, paid \$25,000 last year. Has looked into moving to Wisconsin.

Member Facklam left meeting at 6:37 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, it was motioned by Weinert, seconded by Smigielski for the adjournment of the October 17, 2012 Special Board Meeting at 6:38 p.m. **Ayes:** Carbone, Evans, Millington, Smigielski, and Weinert. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

RAY MILLINGTON, Board President

KAREN SENASE, Recording Secretary