

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 5, 2012

The Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Community Consolidated School District 46, Lake County, Illinois was held at Grayslake Middle School, located 440 N. Barron Blvd., Grayslake, IL on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

President Millington called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Members Present:** Ray Millington, Keith Surroz, Michael Carbone, Kip Evans, and Shannon Smigielski. **Members absent:** Sue Facklam and Karen Weinert.

Quorum was established.

Also present: Superintendent Ellen Correll and Business Manager Anna Kasprzyk

Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.

President Millington called a motion for the approval of the December 5, 2012 Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motioned by Carbone and seconded by Smigielski for the approval of the December 5, 2012 agenda. **Yeas:** Carbone, Evans, Millington, Smigielski. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

Member Surroz arrived at 6:35 p.m.

PMA PRESENTATION by Doreen Linderman

- Presentation was included in board packets
- Last year's general state aid has fallen from 19% to 16%
- Property tax increase is because of the general state aid decrease
- CPI for next year is 3%

Board members discussed presentation and asked questions during this presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lennie Jarratt, Resident – Do not raise taxes. Having no finance committee is a problem. People cannot afford to live here anymore.

Kimberly Styczen, Resident – Would like an email from the board members who are not voting on the levy. Also would like to know which board members are not running again in April.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of the following minutes:
 - November 7, 2012 Regular Meeting
 - November 7, 2012 Closed Session Meeting

- September 27, 2012 Public Budget Hearing
 - September 19, 2012 Regular Meeting
 - September 5, 2012 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Exception Registers
 3. Accounts Payable as presented
 4. Imprest Check Listing as presented
 5. Approval of October Treasurer's Report as presented
 6. Approval of October Student Activity Treasurer's Report as presented
 7. Approval of the Student Activity Monthly Report as presented
 8. Approval of the October P-card Report as presented
 9. Personnel Report as presented

Motion was made by Smigielski and seconded by Carbone for the approval of the consent agenda as presented. **Yeas:** Evans, Carbone, Millington, Smigielski, and Surroz. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Member Smigielski stated that she would not vote to raise taxes.

Member Surroz thanked Anna for meeting with him and Karen Weinert about insurance and self-funding. Anna and Catherine answered all of their questions.

Member Carbone stated that he is not in favor of raising taxes again this year and feels there are other options.

Member Evans stated that things have gotten worse since being on this board. He has worked to try to bring things into alignment. Things have been building over time. The situation of the school district and state scares him. He will not vote for an increase in the levy.

Member Millington clarified that we are not voting on a tax increase. We are voting on a tax levy.

Member Surroz stated that no one wants to increase taxes. Encourages the community to understand that if you don't want the levy raised, then be prepared to receive less services in the schools.

Member Smigielski felt that the finance committee was a vehicle to explore options of determining budget cuts and not increasing the levy. There has not been a lot of feedback from administration on what we can do to reduce the budget besides reducing personnel.

Member Surroz felt the finance committee was a total failure. The board never had deficit spending before. The board was not receiving information from the finance committee. We have called for meetings to ask how we can cut costs. If we don't raise the levy, there will be consequences to that.

Member Carbone stated the finance committee did find savings. In 2007 our levy extension was 26.7 million dollars. In 2011 the levy has grown to 31.2 million dollars. There's a negative affect to raising the levy.

Ray Millington stated that expenses have been reduced by 2.2 million from last year.

Superintendent Correll shared that a Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Grayslake Middle School. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the teacher proposal and the affect on our budget. It will be an open dialogue meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reassignment of .5 ELL Assistant at Frederick School to .5 ELL Teacher – grant paid

Superintendent Correll stated this is due to a requirement of the state. There were no further questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of services for Learning/Remediation Specialist & Reading Therapist (per IEP)

Heather Lorenzo, PSO Director, stated that there is a student who requires services beyond what the district can provide.

Levy Presentation – second look by Anna Kasprzyk

Levy presentation was provided to the board and Anna verbally went through the presentation. There was also discussion by board members about the timing and notice of the previous levy presentation meeting. Board members asked questions during presentation and would like a graph to show where levy money will be spent.

Member Carbone shared home sales figures for District 46 – 68.6% homes are selling as distressed properties.

Dismissal of Staff Member FY2012#3254

Superintendent Correll shared that details were discussed previously in closed session.

ACTION ITEMS

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of services for Learning/Remediation Specialist & Reading Therapist (per IEP). Motioned by Carbone and seconded by Smigielski for the approval of services. **Yeas:** Millington, Carbone, Evans, Smigielski, and Surroz. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of reassignment of .5 ELL Assistant at Frederick to .5 ELL Teacher – grant paid. Motioned by Carbone and seconded by Surroz for the approval of reassignment. **Yeas:**

Smigielski, Carbone, Evans, Millington, and Surroz. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

President Millington requested a motion for the approval of the dismissal of staff member FY2012#3254. Motioned by Carbone and seconded by Smigielski for the approval of the dismissal of staff member FY2012#3254. **Yeas:** Surroz, Carbone, Evans, Millington, and Smigielski. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Conducting essential business only during potential teacher strike
- Levy

Member Evans requested to have the district attorney present for the next two board meetings on December 11, 2012 and December 19, 2012 Levy Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lennie Jarratt, Resident – Provided a definition of levy. This means a levy is a tax.

Kimberly Styczen, Resident – Realizes that are consequences to not raising the levy and realizes people are voting no to raising taxes.

Sara Watters, Parent – Attended the District 127 strategic meeting and noticed that no one from CCSD 46 was present. She was also on the finance committee and felt there was some benefit to it. They were only able to discuss about 25% of the budget.

Norris Harstead, Resident – Requested that the presentations that were presented tonight be posted on the district website.

CLOSED SESSION – No reason for closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, it was motioned by Surroz and seconded by Smigielski for the adjournment of the December 5, 2012 Board Meeting at 8:59 p.m. **Yeas:** Millington, Surroz, Carbone, Evans, and Smigielski. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

RAY MILLINGTON, Board President

KAREN SENASE, Recording Secretary