

Special Meeting  
Board of Education  
December 22, 2008

The Board convened in special session at 4:00 p.m. in the Diagnostic Learning Center. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Gorenz, Parker, Ross, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS** – Savino Sierra, stated that the Board of Education is not deserving of this levy and they do not keep the public informed. He stated that he did agree with some of the cuts that came out in the paper, but not too many. He suggested that the District get rid of the Edison program. He also stated that the district needs to take care of discipline problems.

**DELIBERATION AGENDA – ADOPTION OF 2008 TAX LEVY** – Moved by Ross, seconded by Butler that the resolution setting the 2008 tax levies be approved.

Mr. Cahill highlighted the difference in the proposed levy as compared to the levy presented at the December 15, 2008 meeting. This levy reduces the amount in the Education Fund from \$30,532,618 to \$29,154,448. The decrease was to keep the tax rate the same as last year (assuming the EAV stayed the same). The reason for changing the Education Fund Levy and not the Tort Fund Levy was because the Tort Fund was underfunded by \$1.4 million.

Dr. Gorenz summarized that the decrease for two years is \$1,378,170 or approximately \$716,000 for the current year.

Mrs. Spangler stated that the reduction in the Education Fund is difficult with the Board of Education putting a focus on alternative opportunities for students second semester and the work that Peoria High School and Woodruff High School are doing with reorganization.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated that her vote last Monday against the levy was because no plan was offered going forward to reduce workers compensation costs. She noted that she did receive a copy of the draft plan prepared by administration in the Friday packet that detailed procedure to control future workers compensation costs. She also stated that more reductions in the Education Fund could delay the alternative school and resources available to Peoria and Woodruff High Schools. Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated that she is in favor of restoring the cuts made to the Education Fund, but asked that administration consider decreasing the Tort Fund in the next levy.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer amended the motion to change the Education Fund back to the \$30,532,618. Seconded by Spangler.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Butler, Ross, Spangler, Wolfmeyer, Gorenz  
2 nays. Parker, Stowell. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ross stated that she would support the restoration to the Education Fund. She does not want to see people laid off, she is an advocate of keeping people in their positions. She also asked that administration work to lower the Tort rate for the following year.

Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Spangler to approve the levy as amended.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Butler, Ross, Spangler, Wolfmeyer, Gorenz  
2 nays. Parker, Stowell. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 4:25 p.m. into executive session.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz  
Board President