

**Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Education  
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois  
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois  
December 20, 2017 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Special Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppe called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker (arrived at 12:06 p.m.), Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon

**Board Members Absent**

Bruce Brown, Heather Vazquez

**Staff Members Present**

Superintendent Susan Zola and Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman

**Approval of Agenda**

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Shannon to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

**Action Agenda: New Business**

Abatement of Property Taxes for Levy Year 2017 – (Pay Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds – Series 2010A & Series 2010B and 2010C & 2010D): Tom Lockman

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to approve the Abatement of Property Taxes for Levy Year 2017 – (Pay Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds – Series 2010A & Series 2010B and 2010C & 2010D). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

Consistent with the passage of the 1% County School Facilities Occupation Tax in April 2009, the District committed to its residents that it would abate all of the principal and interest owed on the then-outstanding Bonds of the District, as well as the Alternate Revenue Source Series 2010A & Series 2010B and Series 2010C & 2010D Bonds. The total amount of the abatement is \$3,092,892.50 for Series 2010A & 2010B and \$4,709,442.00 for Series 2010C & 2010D.

Administration recommended Board approval of the Abatement Resolutions.

Public Hearing and Adoption of 2017 Tax Levy: Tom Lockman

Member Armstrong moved, with a second by Member Shannon to open the public hearing at 12:04 p.m. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 4. Nays 0.

The Truth-in-Taxation Act requires that when a school district's proposed tax levy, as extended and less debt service, reflects an increase of more than 105% of the prior year's extension, the school district must publish a notice of such intent and hold a public hearing on the matter. The proposed 2017 Levy exceeds the 2016 Extension by more than 105% and, therefore, an advertisement of a public hearing was placed in The News-Gazette and a separate public hearing will be held.

District EAV: The total EAV for this year is projected to be \$2,222,760,640 and \$50,192,580 for new construction. The EAV last year was \$2,101,292,135.

District Administration recommended a levy totaling \$113,381,810 for 2017. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied are \$95,982,205, representing an 8.21% increase over the previous year's capped extension. The estimated property taxes to be

levied for debt service are \$17,399,605, representing a 1,589.88% increase over the previous year. This significant increase is due to debt issuance associated with the approval of the November 2016 facility referendum.

Approval of the 2017 Levy will provide the District with the potential to receive the allowable amount of property taxes after tax caps for a net amount of \$113,381,810 (which includes debt service).

Hearing no comments from the public Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to close the public hearing at 12:10 p.m. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards to approve the 2017 Tax Levy. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 5. Nays 0.

Administration recommended Board approval of the adoption of the 2017 tax levy as stated in the "Resolution Regarding the Estimated Taxes Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2017" and direct the Chief Financial and Legal Officer to file the Certificate of Tax Levy with the County Clerk prior to the last Tuesday in December.

**Consent Agenda: New Business**

Approval of Barkstall Elementary School BAS Controls Upgrade Agreements – Reliable Plumbing and Heating Company: Tom Lockman

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Kloeppel for approval of Barkstall Elementary School BAS Controls Upgrade Agreements – Reliable Plumbing and Heating Company.

Board policy states that bids will be solicited when items are expected to exceed a total of \$25,000. As part of the bid process, bids were posted on the District's website, advertised in the News-Gazette, and distributed through ePrismSoft. Bids were received from four vendors and opened on October 17, 2017. At its meeting on October 23, 2017, the Board approved awarding the bid to Reliable Plumbing and Heating Company for \$313,840. Administration recommended the approval of the AIA A101-2007 agreements covering this work. The costs for the Barkstall BAS Controls Upgrade of \$313,840 will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 61).

Administration recommended that the Board approve the AIA A101-2007 agreements with Reliable Plumbing and Heating Company for \$313,840.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 5. Nays 0.