

**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 19, 2016 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Special Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppe called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Lynn Stuckey, Jonathan Westfield

**Staff Members Present**

Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Susan Zola, Assistant Superintendent Angela Smith, Executive Director of Human Resources Ken Kleber, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman

**Approval of Agenda**

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

**Executive Session**

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Shannon, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Employee Appointments, Employment, Compensation, Dismissals, Complaints 120/2(c)(1) and Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:32 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:03 p.m.

**Action Agenda: New Business**

Public Hearing and Adoption of 2016 Tax Levy: Tom Lockman

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Stuckey to open the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. 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 2016 Levy exceeds the 2015 Levy by more than 105% and, therefore, an advertisement of a public hearing was placed in The News-Gazette on December 7, 2016 and a separate public hearing was held.

District EAV: The total EAV for this year is projected to be \$2,076,330,358 and \$57,004,070 for new construction. The EAV last year was \$1,962,982,256.

The District was able to levy \$102,110,743 for this year. This includes the amount necessary for bonds and interest payments. After we abate our bonds, as in keeping with the Promises Made Promises Kept commitment, the actual levy amount will fall to \$93,452,495 (independent of debt service). This amount is an increase of \$7,866,469 and is a 9.19% increase over the previous year's capped extension.

The total amount for bonds levied this year will be \$8,658,248 (*Before* abatement). The total amount abated for bonds, as in keeping with our commitment to Promises Made Promises Kept, is \$7,632,335. The net amount of the bond levy will be \$1,025,913 for bonds (*After* abatement).

Approval of the 2016 Levy in December will provide the District with the potential to receive the allowable amount of property taxes after tax caps for a net amount of \$102,110,743 (which includes debt service).

Administration recommended Board approval of the proposed tax levy adoption as stated in the "Resolution Regarding the Estimated Taxes Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2016" and the "Resolution Concerning and Effecting Tax Levy for 2016" 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.

Hearing no comments from the public, Member Armstrong moved, with a second by Member Shannon to close the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to approve the Adoption of the 2016 Tax Levy. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Resolution – Abating Property Resolution – Abating Property Taxes for Levy Year 2016 (Pay Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds – Series 2010A & Series 2010B): Tom Lockman

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to approve the Resolution – Abating Property Resolution – Abating Property Taxes for Levy Year 2016 (Pay Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds – Series 2010A & Series 2010B). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The District committed to the District's residents that it would abate all of the principal and interest owed on the outstanding Bonds of the District. This includes the Alternate Revenue Source Series 2010A and Series 2010B Bonds. In order to legally abate this property tax, the bond covenants require that the District illustrate that it has at least 125% coverage.

This Resolution confirms that the District will abate the property taxes levied. The total amount of the abatement is \$3,092,892.50. This is required to secure Board signatures on the Abatement document so that it may be filed with the County Clerk prior to March 1, 2017.

Administration recommended approval of the Resolution Abating Property Taxes for 2016 for Bond Series 2010A and Series 2010B.

Resolution – Abating Property Taxes for Levy Year 2016 (Pay Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds – Series 2010C & Series 2010D): Tom Lockman

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Shannon to approve the Resolution – Abating Property Taxes for Levy Year 2016 (Pay Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds – Series 2010C & Series 2010D). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The District committed to the District's residents that it would abate all of the principal and interest owed on the outstanding Bonds of the District. This includes the Alternate Revenue Source Series 2010C and Series 2010D Bonds. In order to legally abate this property tax, the bond covenants require that the District illustrate that it has at least 125% coverage.

This Resolution confirms that the District will abate the property taxes levied. The total amount of the abatement is \$4,539,442. This is required to secure Board signatures on the Abatement document so that it may be filed with the County Clerk prior to March 1, 2017.

Administration recommended approval of the Resolution Abating Property Taxes for 2016 for Bond Series 2010c and Series 2010D.

Student Discipline – Student #203370

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Baker that student #203370 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Code #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff and #19 Physical Confrontation with Student of the Champaign Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. The duration of the expulsion is based on prior discipline and other interventions attempted and the continuing safety threat posed by the student's presence at school. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the assigned placement. If such requirements are met, upon expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

**Consent Agenda: New Business**

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Baker to approve the Consent Agenda: New Business. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The following Consent Agenda item was approved:

Settlement Agreement & Release – Scott Christenson: Ken Kleber

The Settlement Agreement & Release was approved as presented.

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The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 6:43 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 9:44 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.