Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois
Champaign Unit #4 Administrative Center, 502 W. Windsor, Champaign, Illinois
November 19, 2019 within the Boundaries of Said District

Special Meeting

Board President Amy Armstrong called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 12:15 p.m.

Board Members Present
Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker, Chris Kloeppel, Kathy Shannon, Elizabeth Sotiropoulos, Heather Vazquez

Board Member Absent
Bruce Brown

Staff Members Present
Superintendent Susan Zola, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Angela Ward, Executive Director of Human Resources Ken Kleber

Approval of Agenda
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Sotiropoulos to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Action Agenda: New Business
Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed $73,400,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 4, Champaign County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing the projects authorized at the November 8, 2016, referendum providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with the purchasers in connection with the sale of said bonds.

Member Sotiropoulos moved, with a second by Member Shannon for approval of the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed $73,400,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 4, Champaign County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing the projects authorized at the November 8, 2016, referendum providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with the purchasers in connection with the sale of said bonds. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum that included selling of bonds to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. In November 2017, the District sold $110,000,000 in par value of such bonds. The remaining authority to issue such bonds will expire on the fifth anniversary of the referendum. The provided resolution authorizes the District the ability to issue the remaining voter-approved bonds, not to exceed $73,400,000 in par value. Financial implications will be determined based on final structure (par value sold, reoffering premium structure, coupon rates) and market conditions at time of sale.

Administration recommended approval of the Resolution.

Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed $8,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding School Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 4, Champaign County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with the purchasers in connection with the sale of said bonds.
Member Vazquez moved with a second by Member Shannon for approval of the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed $8,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding School Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 4, Champaign County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with the purchasers in connection with the sale of said bonds. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

In 2012, the District issued $9,575,000 in par value G.O. Limited Tax School Bonds callable on or after January 1, 2020. In 2013, the District issued $2,990,000 par value G.O. Limited Tax School Bonds with a callable date on or after January 1, 2020. The 2012 and 2013 Bonds are each paid from a specific property tax levy. The District is proposing to call and refund the callable 2012 and 2013 bonds for interest savings. Financial implications will be determined based on pricing. The cost savings on the calling and refunding will vary depending on market conditions and the final structure. If the refunding would not result in material debt service savings, the District may determine not to issue the refunding bonds. Currently, the overall savings on the refunding is projected to be $100,000 to $400,000.

Administration recommends approval of the Resolution.

Executive Session
Member Kloeppel moved, with a second by Member Sotiropoulos, to adjourn into Closed Session in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider 120/2(c)(9) Student Discipline. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 1:02 p.m.

Open Session
The Board convened into Open Session at 1:20 p.m.

Student Discipline
Student #511285
Member Sotiropoulos moved, with a second by Member Shannon that student #511285 shall be provided an alternative placement for the remainder of 1st semester of the 2019-20 school year (through January, 2020) for violating Conduct Code Alarms, False of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. So long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student’s alternative placement during the expulsion period, the Board shall hold its discipline determination in abeyance. If the student does not accept the alternative placement or meet the attendance and behavioral requirements of the offered alternative placement, then the decision of the Board of Education is to expel the student for the duration/remainder of the duration stated above. The duration of the alternative placement/expulsion is based on: the egregiousness of the violation of the Conduct Code listed above and the significant detrimental impact of the student’s conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the District because the student’s continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.
Adjournment
There being no further business, Member Vazquez moved, with a second by Member Shannon, to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Board Approved: December 9, 2019