Teutopolis Community Unit No. 50
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Location: THS Media Center
Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
December 17, 2018

Board President Jim Buhnerkempe called the Truth in Taxation hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. All Board members were present. Supt. Bill Fritcher was also present.

Supt. Bill Fritcher discussed the levy increase of 8.27%. Counting bonds, the total increase would be about 7.7%. Rick Siemer asked a question about the levy, but no other comments were made by the general public.

President Jim Buhnerkempe called the regular Board Meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Supt. Bill Fritcher provided an opening statement and President Jim Buhnerkempe led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5126 - Approve the November Board Meeting Minutes with the noted changes to be made

Chad Hewing moved and Brad Koester seconded a motion to approve the November Board Meeting Minutes with the noted changes to be made: a.) correct motion and second for Action Item No. 5122 to Gene Niemerg and Brad Koester; b.) Tegeler was mispelled in Action Item No. 5121. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5127 - Approve Treasurer's Report, Financial Report and payment of the bills

Gene Niemerg moved and Troy Ozenkoski seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Financial Report and payment of the bills. Roll call vote as follows: Chad Hewing-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Leon Gobczynksi-yes; Jim Buhnerkempe-yes; Brad Koester-yes; Gene Niemerg-yes; Troy Ozenkoski-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board heard a presentation from Taylor Hartke, Illinois FFA Treasurer.

Recognize persons who wish to speak on agenda items - Rick Siemer and Laura Hemmen were present to discuss the high school facility.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5128 - Approve Consent Agenda Items H - I

Brad Koester moved and Chad Hewing seconded a motion to approve Consent Agenda items H-I..

- Approve resignations from Sharon Wallace as a bus driver to be effective January 7, 2019; Libbie Womack-Jorn as THS Play Director effective immediately; Dave Zerrusen as TJHS Play Co-Director; Jodi Anders as TGS Cafeteria Helper effective December 22, 2018.
- Approve First Reading of recommended Policy Changes.

A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5129 - Approve to Adopt the 2018 Tax Levy

Gene Niemerg moved and Courtney Tegeler seconded a motion to approve to adopt the 2018 Tax Levy. Roll call vote as follows: Brad Koester-yes; Gene Niemerg-yes; Jim Buhnerkempe-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Troy Ozenkoski-yes; Leon Gobczynski-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5130 - Approve a payment of $67,972.50 to The Upchurch Group

Troy Ozenkoski moved and Gene Niemerg seconded a motion to approve a payment of $67,972.50 to Upchurch Group for preliminary design work and construction documents on the high school addition. Roll call vote as follows: Courtney Tegeler-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Leon Gobczynski-no; Jim Buhnerkempe-yes; Brad Koester-yes; Gene Niemerg-yes; Troy Ozenkoski-yes. Motion carried 6-1.

The Board discussed the high school facility project and the next steps of releasing contract documents for a bid. Laura Hemmen and Rick Siemer both discussed the project.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5131 - Approve to direct The Upchurch Group to release contract documents for a seven-room addition to THS with an alternate bid for two additional rooms and an alternate bid to renovate the front exterior of the THS main entrance

Brad Koester moved and Troy Ozenkoski seconded a motion to approve to direct The Upchurch Group to release contract documents for a seven-room addition to THS with an alternate bid for two additional rooms and an alternate bid to renovate the front exterior of the THS main entrance. Roll call vote as follows: Chad Hewing-yes; Brad Koester-yes; Gene Niemerg-yes; Leon Gobczynski-no; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Troy Ozenkoski-yes; Jim Buhnerkempe-yes. Motion carried 6-1.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5132 - Approve a Resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County of Effingham, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said county the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 2nd day of April 2019

Chad Hewing moved and Gene Niemerg seconded a motion to approve a Resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the Count of Effingham, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said county the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 2nd day of April 2019. Roll call vote as follows: Troy Ozenkoski-yes; Brad Koester-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Jim Buhnerkempe-yes; Gene Niemerg-yes; Leon Gobczynski-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board discussed the waiver process to allow district employees' children to attend Unit 50 schools tuition free. They want more information gathered on this matter. No action was taken.

The Board discussed a resolution to allow tax-sheltered health insurance premiums to count toward IMRF creditable earnings. No action was taken.

Reports

- Supt. Bill Fritcher reported on behalf of Athletic Director Laurie Thompson:
  - Tennis - Coach Kaye Kimpling was awarded USTA Mid South Illinois District Coach of the Year and Class 1A Coach of the Year by the Illinois High School Tennis Coaches Association; Diana Mossman was named 3rd team All-State in singles; Alli Brumleve and Macy Probst were names 1st team All-State in doubles.
  - Volleyball - Decatur All Area team: Savannah Grimes, 2nd team; Erica Michels, 3rd team; Kate Volk, Julia Frey and Carly Michels were Honorable Mention.
  - Basketball - Boys finished 2nd place at the Capital Classic and Girls finished 2nd at the Salem Thanksgiving Tournament. Boys c-host with Effingham at the Effingham/Teutopolis Christmas Holiday Tournament to be held December 27-29. Girls will play at the Charleston Holiday Tournament December 27-29.
- Grade School Prinicipal Angie Sheehan reported on the new playground equipment that was installed recently. She thanked all of the volunteers involved with the install. New trees have been planted on the grounds at the grade school.
- Junior High Principal Pat Drees reported that Melissa Orndorff and the pep band did a phenomenal job at a recent junior high basketball game. He also stated that volleyball practice has begun and 8th grade drama auditions are underway.
- High School Greg Beck reported on the Homecoming dance a couple weeks ago. He informed the Board that there will be an open campus at the high school during exam days on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Supt. Fritcher updated the Board of the Unit Office Holiday hours. He also informed the Board and general public that in the case of implement weather causes school closings he will use the district's social media outlets and the phone messaging system to notify families of school closings.
- Supt. Fritcher reported on a technology update regarding the fiber build that the district will be doing. The fiber build has been fully funded.

- Supt. Fritcher reported on the TIF application and stated that the Board should submit TIF applications for each project.
- Supt. Fritcher's final report was on Employee Health Insurance. Egyptian Trust is switching to Blue Cross Blue Shield beginning March 1, 2019.

Recognize persons on non-agenda items - no one.

Motion to go in to Executive Session

Brad Koester moved and Leon Gobczynski seconded a motion to go in to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss A.) Appointment, employment, compensation. performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the school district; B.) Collective negotiating matters between public body and its employees; C.) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters related to individual students. Roll call vote as follows: Leon Gobczynski-yes; Courtney Tegeler-yes; Troy Ozenkoski-yes; Chad Hewing-yes; Brad Koester-yes; Jim Buhnerkempe-yes; Gene Niemerg-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion to come out of Executive Session

Brad Koester moved and Chad Hewing seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:38 p.m. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

ACTION ITEM NO. 5133 - Approve to hire Sullymar Rivera as a Two-Hour TGS Cafeteria Helper on Mon/Thurs/Fri pending successful completion of background checks; and Christina Brown as TJHS Play Co-Director

Brad Koester moved and Chad Hewing seconded a motion to approve to hire Sullymar Rivera as a Two-Hour TGS Cafeteria Helper on Mon/Thurs/Fri pending successful completion of background checks; and Christina Brown as TJHS Play Co-Director. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Motion to adjourn

Gene Niemerg moved and Brad Koester seconded a motion to adjourn. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Board of Education President, Jim Buhnerkempe

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Board of Education Secretary, Brad Koester