

**South Pekin Grade School  
Board of Education Meeting  
Minutes of November 25, 2008**

Mrs. Singleton called the Regular Meeting of the South Pekin Grade School Board of Education to order at 6:30 pm. Roll Call – Present: Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hintz, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Tyler. Also Present: Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Worden, Mrs. Kutyna, Mrs. Betson and Mrs. Eustice. Absent: Mrs. Jording

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Consent Agenda includes the Minutes of October 28, Executive Minutes of October 28, the Treasurer's Report and the Payment of the Bills. Mr. Hawkins made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS SUBMITTED. Mrs. Hintz seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HILL, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no Audience Participation

#### Superintendent's Report

2008 Levy –

Mr. Brooks presented the Board with the Tax Levy Time Table. The Budget & Levy Cycle and the Real Estate Tax Cycle were also reviewed. The actual expenditures for FY08 were \$2,060,779 and the projected expenditures for FY09 are estimated to increase by approximately \$75,000 equaling \$2,153,899. This year we are expecting to receive approximately \$291,784.64. The County has provided us with an estimate of what the EAV would be. New construction (unknown as to where) is listed at \$260,000. Increase in EAV is .68% (last year it was 3.87%)

Mr. Brooks also reviewed the history of our tax levies as compared with the actual taxes received according to the Annual District Audit for the tax levy years 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. A copy of the Notice of Proposed Tax Increase for South Pekin School District #137 was included in the Board Packet. This notice will be published in the legal notice of the newspaper on or around December 11, 2008.

Flex System Benefit –

This is a cafeteria benefit plan. A flex system for our District would allow individuals to shelter money from taxes for dependent care, medical co-pay, prescription co-pay, OTC drugs, contact lens solution, surgical fees, eyeglasses, dentures, therapy treatments, x-rays, and more. If the money is not spent, it is lost to the employee. It is recommended employees be conservative with the amount set aside the first year and adjust as necessary for each year after that. Once it is set up, the money is available immediately. It is a great program. One can save receipts all year or submit them as received.

Business Items -

Mr. Hawkins made the MOTION TO PUBLISH THE TRUTH IN TAXATION NOTICE. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HILL, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hawkins made the MOTION TO SET THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING FOR DECEMBER 23, 2008 AT 6:15 PM. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – MR.

CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HILL, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Brooks indicated a Board Member recommended a Board Salute for Mrs. Hintz. She facilitated the Wilder Family Benefit raising \$6,510.51 for them. Mrs. Hintz would like to see Elaine Pesch, LaDonna Moss and Tena Worden recognized also. The Wilder's were extremely touched by the generosity of the community. According to Mr. Brooks, we can recognize these individuals at the December Board Meeting.

Mr. Hawkins made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD SALUTE TO TAMMY HINTZ FOR THE WILDER FAMILY BENEFIT. Mrs. Singleton seconded the motion.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HILL, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER. ABSTAIN – MRS. HINTZ, MOTION CARRIED.

Tonight was the first reading of the Policy Updates slated for approval at the December Board Meeting. We belong to the IASB PRESS. They make policy recommendations and we review and present the ones our District would need to have. The current updates are: The Board Member Code of Conduct (2:80-E); School board Meeting Procedure (2:220); Hazardous and Infectious Materials (4:160) and Expulsion Procedures (7:210). We are using a dilution method for a lot of our cleaning products. We will present these in December for approval.

Mr. Hawkins made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TASC FOR THE FLEX PLAN. Mrs. Singleton seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – MR. CONKLIN, MR. HAWKINS, MRS. HILL, MRS. HINTZ, MRS. SINGLETON AND MRS. TYLER.  
MOTION CARRIED.

#### Communications

Kim Hallam has submitted a letter resigning as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach. This letter was received after the agenda was prepared. Mr. Brooks read the letter to the Board. As these contracts are annual, we will post the position in a timely fashion and we will accept her resignation at the December Board Meeting.

Mr. Brooks read a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education was presented to the Board. There was recently a proposal to hold back up to 8% of General Revenue Funds from all state agencies. If this 8 percent reduction were applied to ISBE, then \$600 million would have to be identified to cut. If this were to occur, there is no way we (ISBE) could find \$600,000,000 without a proration of the larger line items, such as mandated categorical funds.

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Hawkins made the MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:21. Mrs. Hintz seconded the motion. YES – 6, NO – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

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Mrs. Singleton, Board President

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Mrs. Hintz, Board Secretary