**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**DECEMBER 21st, 2020**

**\*\*Please Note:\*\***

***Everyone in attendance is fever-free and are required to wear a mask.***

***South Pekin School District 137 will continue to practice social distancing during meetings as advised through the guidelines set by the IDPH.***

**Mrs. Chambers, Board President, called the Board of Education Meeting to Order at 4:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Everhart, Mrs. Lamberson

**ABSENT:**  Mr. Holloway, Miss. Rotherham, Mrs. Senecal

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland, Mr. Koster

Audience Participation: None

Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from NOVEMBER 23RD, 2020. Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. EVERHART, MRS LAMBERSON. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**:

Mr. Mingus started the Superintendents report by going over the weekly covid numbers. He said the number of students that have been out due to quarantines have improved but the number of school staff who are out on quarantine have increased. However, the school should be fully staffed by tomorrow. Mr. Mingus went on to inform the board that all the students were instructed to take everything home with them before break. Doing this will allow the students to do remote learning, if there is a major increase in covid cases upon their return. He said the goal is to stay in session after the students return. He went on to talk about sports. The school cannot do anything until tier 3 is lifted. He said even though we have been below 12% for multiple days, the Governor will not lift tier 3 until after the holidays. Mr. Mingus went over the proposal for the amended transition plan. It was added to require students, who are currently on remote learning, to be in-person or face-to-face unless they have a doctor's note stating otherwise. He reminded the board that the school has not been allowing students to go into remote learning unless it is medically necessary.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Keep Minutes Sealed from Closed Session Meeting Dated:  May 18, 2020
2. Approval of Amended Transition/Return to School Plan
3. Approval of South Pekin Grade School’s School Improvement Plan
4. Approval of Amanda Washburn’s Tuition Reimbursement
5. Approval of Natalie Vohland’s Tuition Reimbursement
6. Approval of 2nd Reading of Board Policy 2:265
7. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 2:260
8. Approval of 2nd Reading of  Amended Board Policy 5:20
9. Approval of 2nd Reading of Amended Board Policy 7:20

Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. EVERHART, MRS LAMBERSON. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION TO ENTER THE LEVY HEARING at 4:47pm. Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. EVERHART, MRS LAMBERSON. Motion Carried.

Open Session Resumed at 4:49pm

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Blanchard made a MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2020 TAX LEVY. Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. EVERHART, MRS LAMBERSON. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Mrs. Blanchard made a MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS. Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. EVERHART, MRS LAMBERSON. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus reminded the board of the upcoming Christmas Break. The teachers will return to school on January 6th, 2021 and the students will return on the 7th.

At 5:03p.m. Mrs. Everhart made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING JANUARY 25TH, 2020. Mrs. Blanchard seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

Mrs. Chambers, Board President Mrs. Lamberson, Board Secretary

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**TAX LEVY HEARING**

**DECEMBER 22nd, 2020**

**Mrs. Chambers, Board President, called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 4:47 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL: :** Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Everhart and Mrs. Lamberson

**ABSENT:**  Miss. Rotherham, Mr. Holloway and Mrs. Senecal

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland, Mr. Koster

There was no audience participation for agenda and non-agenda items.

Mr. Mingus presented the Tax Levy with no changes since the meeting in November. He informed the board the maximum percentage increase to request is 4.9% as discussed. Since the school cannot request over 4.99%, without having to file a truth in taxation, the percentage requested will stay at 4.9%. His recommendation is to approve the Levy and he will deliver it to the courthouse tomorrow.

At 4:49p.m. Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION TO ADJOURN THE TAX LEVY HEARING AND RE-ENTER THE REGULAR-SESSION MEETING. Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. CHAMBERS, MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. EVERHART, MRS LAMBERSON. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Chambers, Board President Mrs. Lamberson, Board Secretary