

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
Community Unit School District #7  
Unit Office Annex  
510 West Elm Street  
Gillespie, Illinois 62033  
December 14, 2016**

President Hayes called the special meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Unit Office Annex, 510 West Elm Street, Gillespie, Illinois 62033.

**ROLL CALL:** Bernot, absent; Dobrino, present; Hayes, present; Schmidt, present; Griffel, absent; Alepra, present; Carter, present

Superintendent Tieman attended the meeting. Dana Tieman, Auditor Ken Loy, Attorney Rob Jackstadt, Micki Romanus, Misty Fritz, and Dennis Tiburzi also attended the meeting.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda as presented. Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, absent; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Secretary David Griffel arrived at the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Alepra for Roll Call Vote to adjourn to closed meeting at 6:02 p.m. for the following:

- A. Meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(29).
- B. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Carter for Roll Call Vote to return to open meeting at 7:20 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

**Open Action**

There was no open action on the closed meeting agenda items.

**Recognition of the Public**

No one from the public addressed the Board.

## New Business

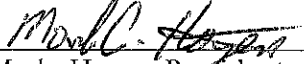
Auditor Ken Loy of Loy Miller Talley, PC Certified Public Accountants, gave a summary of the Annual Financial Report. He stated that District 7 has reduced its deficit by about \$700,000 which is in line with the reduction plan for 2 years that was required by the State Board of Education after having been placed on Financial Warning Status. He went on to report that District 7 will be improved to Financial Review Status because the reduction plan has been successful. He reported that the district had an overall deficit of \$1,798,229 at the end of FY 2015. The deficit was reduced to \$347,070 by the end of FY 2016. The district's total cash available at the end of FY 2016 was \$3,544,000 which is down from \$3,930,000 at the end of FY 2015. Assessed evaluation of properties in District 7 has gone down in the last 2 years which has the district fighting a declining tax base. District 7 has 3 outstanding bond issues totaling \$878,000 in yearly payments. Bonds total \$10,250,000. Per-capita tuition charge to educate each student is \$7,559.

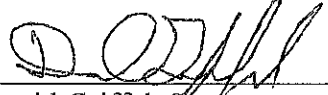
Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Dobrino to approve the Annual Financial Report as presented. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, absent. Motion carried.

Discussion of Working Cash Bonds followed. Superintendent Tieman reviewed information from First Mid-State. Partly due to major categorical program payments that have not as yet been received from the State of Illinois, and partly not being sure what will happen in January, etc., Superintendent Tieman advised the Board to consider a resolution to issue \$2,000,000 in Working Cash Bonds.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Alepra that the Board of Education has approved up to and not to exceed the amount of \$2,000,000 regarding issuing Working Cash Bonds. Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Carter to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes. Motion carried.

  
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Mark, Hayes, President

  
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David Griffel, Secretary