

**FSY 2018 Budget Hearing of the Board of Education  
Community Unit School District #7  
Unit Office Annex  
510 West Elm Street  
Gillespie, Illinois 62033  
September 25, 2017**

President Hayes called the Budget Hearing of Community Unit School District #7 School Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Tieman, Principals Owsley and Rosentreter, Jan Dona, and Board Members Mark Hayes, Weye Schmidt, Peyton Bernot, Don Dobrino, Jenni Alepra, Dennis Tiburzi, and Bill Carter attended the hearing.

Superintendent Tieman presented a Power Point presentation defining revenues and expenditures for the proposed FSY 2018 Budget.

Expected revenues are as follows: Education \$13,336,604; Operation/Maintenance (Building Fund) \$320,930; Debt Service \$943,605; Transportation \$509,617; Illinois Municipal Retirement (IMRF)/Social Security \$403,882; Capital Projects \$288,000; Working Cash \$38,333; Tort \$168,143 for total estimated revenue of \$16,009,114.

Expected expenditures are as follows: Education \$10,983,182; Operations & Maintenance (Building Fund) \$570,000; Debt Service \$872,214; Transportation \$392,200; IMRF/Social Security \$388,578; Capital Projects \$65,000; Tort \$136,000 for a total estimated expenditure of \$13,407,174.

Estimated Projected Fund Balance as of June 30, 2018 is \$7,639,693.

There were no comments on the proposed budget.

The Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
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President Hayes called the regular meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board to order at 6:21 p.m.

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

Superintendent Tieman, Principals Owsley, Rosentreter, and Turcol attended the meeting. Jennifer Brown, Dave Ambrose, Jan Dona, Kevin Wills, Micki Romanus, Katie Prange, Stephanie Wilson, Lee Harrison and Vanessa Kolesar also attended the meeting.

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

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Alepra for Roll Call Vote to Adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:22 p.m. for the following:

- A. Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Discussion of probable or imminent litigation, pursuant to 105 ILCS (120/2(c)(1)
- C. Discussion of student disciplinary cases, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
- D. Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2).

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

Secretary Carter left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Tiburzi for Roll Call Vote to return to Open Session at 7:48 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

#### **Action on Closed Session Matters**

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Schmidt to employ Jackie McKinney as Ben-Gil Elementary School Head Cook and to post the vacated position. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Schmidt to post a paraprofessional position. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Bernot to appoint Gina Frensko as a High School Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach. Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion carried.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Tiburzi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session minutes dated August 21, 2017. Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Dobrino to approve payment of the September 2017 bills as follows:

Education Fund	\$349,280.52
Building Fund	31,451.66
Transportation Fund	6,859.44
Site & Construction Fund	<u>16,558.00</u>
Grand Total of all Funds	\$404,149.62

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

## Freedom of Information Requests

No Freedom of Information Requests were received.

### Recognition of the Public

No one from the public addressed the Board.

### Superintendent's Report

District Focus featured introducing new teachers at District 7. Vanessa Kolesar teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at Ben-Gil Elementary, Katie Prange teaches English and Accounting at Gillespie High School, and Lee Harrison teaches Art at Gillespie High School.

Also Focused was Stephanie Wilson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA teacher, who is the recipient of multiple grants, \$615 from Retired Teachers Organization and \$500 Mini-Grant from *The Partnership for Educational Excellence*. She was awarded for her extra efforts to improving the school's reading program. She holds Book Clubs during her lunch time for seventh and eighth grade students to encourage reading. She was also a presenter at the Illinois Reading Conference.

Representative from the Union Jennifer Brown reported that regarding negotiations, the Union plans to meet with their members October 3<sup>rd</sup> and then meet with the Board of Education the next day.

Principal Owsley gave the Gillespie High School Report.

- ✓ Department meetings have continued with a focus on SAT Testing.
- ✓ Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee met September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Teacher Observations/Evaluations have begun.
- ✓ Financial Aid Night took place September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ South Central Principal's Meeting was held Wednesday at Maverick in Litchfield.
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> School Improvement Day was Friday. High School Staff were given a new Evacuation Plan/Meeting Place with the remainder of time being spent discussing the 5 Essential Survey.
- ✓ Yesterday kicked off Homecoming Week.

Sunday: Hallway Decorating

Monday: Character Day (Cartoon Disney) and Float Building

Tuesday: Twin Day and Float Building continues

Wednesday: Students will dress in their class color.

Powder Puff Football will kick-off at 7 p.m.

Thursday: Generation Day

- 9<sup>th</sup> Graders = Babies
- 10<sup>th</sup> Graders = Toddlers
- 11<sup>th</sup> Graders = Parents
- 12<sup>th</sup> Graders = Senior Citizens

Bonfire and Chili Cook Off will be from 6-9 p.m.

Friday: Spirit Day

6:30-7:30 a.m. Senior/Faculty Breakfast

1<sup>st</sup> Hour Band "School Song" and Court Practice

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Hour Miner Survivor and Miner Man, Volleyball Championship

12:30-1:45 Pep Rally

1:45 Parade

3:00 p.m. Decorate and Set Up for Dance

Saturday: Dance Doors Open at 6:30 (Coronation at 7)

Dance at 7:30 pm.

- ✓ First Area Principal's Meeting will take place September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Office of Education Jerseyville.

Principal Rosentreter gave the Gillespie Middle School Report.

- Homework Help began this month with teachers helping students from 2:30 to 3:00 every Tuesday and Thursday. Mondays (2:30 to 3:15) are used for faculty meetings and Wednesdays are used for PLC's (professional learning communities).
- September 13: GMS kicked off its Annual Club's Choice Fundraiser.
- September 13: A penny drive and money collected from "Hat Day" provided \$344 to donate to the Red Cross for Hurricane relief efforts.
- September 14: The Girls' Basketball Team began their season. At this time, 7<sup>th</sup> grade record is 2-1 while the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are 3-0.
- September 16: the Indian Baseball Team's season ended after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Regionals. Congratulations to Coach Smith, Coach Wargo and the boys for a successful season with an 8-8 record.
- September 19: Progress reports were sent home.
- September 22: Students participated in Science Day during 12:05 Dismissal Day. More than a dozen presenters visited the school:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Elizabeth Flotte (NGRRC), Ramona Puskar (Nature Institute), Tim Guinan (Park Ranger) and Larry Loveless (BeeKeeper)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bob Fulton/Connie Niemann (Strawberry DNA Extraction), Gerald Brand (Conservation), Lisa Peterson (Nutrition/Wellness), Deb Olson (Service Dogs)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Don O'Brian (Robotics), Peggy Hampton/Kate Harding (Engineering), Chris Gushelff (IDNR), Dave Tucker (Coal Mine Museum Tours)
- September 22: Professional Development was provided to the faculty to improve this year's Student Led Conferences in October.
- September 27: GMS students will participate in a motivational assembly that will be presented by a musical group, R.A.P.
- A special thanks to all teachers for communication efforts with families, numerous parent meetings, and academic/behavior reports sent home. Another special thanks to Mrs. Erwin for several counseling sessions with students in need.
- A special thanks to Mark Carpani and Steve Compton who work behind the scenes to ensure equipment is working and communication is possible.
- A special thanks to *The Partnership* that once again provided classroom grants to which all MS teachers applied.

Principal Turcol gave the Ben-Gil Elementary School Report.

- Curriculum Information
  - School Wide Theme – Superheroes – Be your own hero
    - Family Literacy Night – November 8
    - Teachers spent Friday planning the student/parent night
- Expanding Knowledge and Sharing Ideas
  - Introduction to the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale
    - Mindy Savant and Colleen Favre
- School News
  - Students at Ben-Gil Elementary raised money for Hurricane Relief
    - Students donated \$1.00 to wear a hat for the day
    - Students raised \$981.10 with matching funds
    - \$1961.20 donated to Hurricane Relief
  - Little Free Library

“Last year, the Title Reading teachers were awarded a grant through the Illinois Title Association to purchase two Little Free Libraries. One was placed in Benld and the other in Gillespie. These were filled with books purchased with grant money as a way to share good things to read. The Little Free Libraries are meant to be a gift to the community. This year the teachers have partnered with Mr. Goldasich’s shop club in order to provide surrounding communities with the libraries as well. The club has agreed and already made a prototype. Building should begin soon, but our goal is to present them to the communities sometime in the spring. Our hopes are to offer Little Free Libraries in Eagarville, Mt. Clare, Sawyerville, Wilsonville, and Dorchester. We are in the process of drafting letters to the villages to see if they would like to have one of these Free Little Libraries. Mr. Goldasich spoke of the students somehow personalizing the Little Libraries for each village. We will be happy to keep the board informed with any new information.”

Superintendent Tieman reported that Dave Delaurent donated labor and materials to paint the markings for parking spaces on the new asphalt, and also donated \$500 for high school P.E. students to bowl this year.

### **Old Business**

There were no Old Business agenda items.

### **New Business**

Kevin Wills of First Mid-State Bank addressed the Board with suggestions to refinance District 7 Bonding Program. He gave the Board several options with his recommendation of the two he thought was best for the district. The Board took the information under advisement.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Hayes to update the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee as presented. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

The Board was presented with an itinerary, for approval, for the Band/Chorus to take a performance trip to New Orleans February 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Band/Chorus Trip as presented. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Hayes to purchase \$2,400,000 worth of Certificates of Deposit within a tiered framework from United Community Bank in Gillespie as presented. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, present; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Tiburzi to approve the FSY18 District Budget as presented. Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Alepra to approve the Administrator/Teacher Salaries Report as presented. Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Hayes to approve Liability & Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal as presented. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Tiburzi to approve the First Reading of Press Plus #95 as presented: Policy 2:220-E3 Closed Meeting Minutes, Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, Policy 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues, Policy 6:180 Extended Instructional Programs, Policy 6:120 Instructional Materials, Policy 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment, Policy 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities and Policy 5:120-E Exhibit-Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators, Policy 6:120-AP2, E1 Exhibit-Request to Access Classroom(s) or Personnel for Special Education Evaluation and/or Observation Purposes. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Hayes to approve the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement as required by law as presented. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Principal Owsley reported on SAT scores by last year's junior, (now senior), class. Scores were better than previously expected, and plans are in place to increase scores this year.

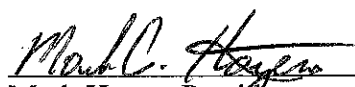
Principal Rosentreter reported on Middle School PARCC scores. District 7 performed very well compared to the State of Illinois. Some growth was evident, and plans are in place for even more improvement this year.

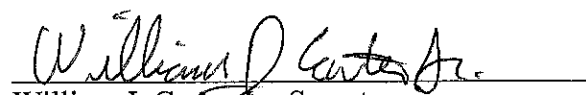
Principal Turcol reported on Elementary PARCC scores. Pressure had been placed on her last year to have students perform better which she also place on her staff which showed in the improvement of scores from the previous year. The Board complimented the elementary teachers and Principal Turcol for a phenomenal, outstanding job.

Superintendent Tieman commended his 3 principals for an outstanding job and expressed how proud he is of the faculty in all 3 schools.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Tiburzi to approve the Wrestling Cooperative as presented. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, no. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

  
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Mark Hayes, President

  
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William J. Carter Jr., Secretary