



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
KEENEYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 18, 2009: 7:00P.M.
Spring Wood Middle School – Learning Center
5540 Arlington Drive East, Hanover Park, IL 60133**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Carola Majewski, in the absence of President Tim McHugh.

Roll Call:	Tim McHugh	- absent
	Carola Majewski	- present
	Barb Wisniewski	- present
	Mike Fuechtmann	- present
	Tom Lair	- present
	Phil Anderson	- absent*
	Scott Williams	- present

A quorum was present.

* Mr. Anderson arrived immediately after the roll call (7:05 p.m.).

Also in attendance were: Dr. Carol J. Auer, Superintendent; Dr. Dorothy J. Dirks, Assistant Superintendent; Gary Ofisher, Director of Operations and Treasurer; Joseph Neilon, District Technology Coordinator; Craig Barringer, Principal, Spring Wood; Deena McLoughlin, Assistant Principal, Waterbury; Tod Tecktiel, Principal, Greenbrook; John Gustafson, Assistant Principal, Greenbrook; Peggy Whitlow, Executive Director of Phil Rock Center and School; Sue Younker, Teacher, Spring Wood; Nadine Tackitt, Teacher, Greenbrook; JoAnne Champagne, Teacher, Greenbrook; Jennifer Karrow, Teacher, Waterbury; Jennifer Johnson, Community Member; and Melanie Scott, Recording Secretary.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mike Fuechtmann moved that the Board of Education approve the Agenda; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes:	6
Nays:	0
Abstains:	0

- III. Close of Regular Meeting and Opening of Public Hearing
At 7:07 p.m., Mrs. Majewski asked for a motion to close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing on the 2009 Tax Levy.
Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing on the 2009 Tax Levy. Scott Williams seconded.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

- IV. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009 Tax Levy (2.20, #4)
Mr. Ofisher presented the Proposed 2009 Tax Levy to the Board and public. The 2009 levy will be \$12,278,036, 100.86% over the 2008 levy of \$12,172,801.

Mr. Ofisher asked for questions from the community. There were none.

The Board thanked Mr. Ofisher for his presentation.

Mrs. Majewski then, again, asked for any questions on the Tax Levy. There were none. At that time Mrs. Majewski asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting.

- V. Adjournment of Public Hearing and Return to Regular Meeting

Tom Lair moved that the Board of Education close the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

- VI. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 2009
- B. Financial Reports (2.20, #4)
 - 1. District 20 Financial Report – October 2009
 - 2. Philip Rock Center Financial Report – October 2009
- C. Personnel Report (2.20, #3)
- D. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Ending June '09 (4.80)

Tom Lair moved that the Board of Education approve the items in the Consent Agenda as presented; Scott Williams seconded.

There were no items pulled for individual discussion?

Roll Call: Carola Majewski - aye
Barb Wisniewski - aye
Mike Fuechtmann - aye
Tom Lair - aye
Phil Anderson - aye
Scott Williams - aye

Motion carried.

VII. Public Participation

Nadine Tackitt, President of the KEA wished the Board and Administration a heartfelt, "Happy Thanksgiving." Dr. Auer added that the District is thankful to all of our staff. Vice-President Majewski added that everyone has worked very hard to remedy the district's difficult situation and that she is sure that if everyone continues to work together and compromise for the benefit of our children, that we will get through this. She also expressed her gratitude for our staff and board team.

VIII. School Board President's Report

A. III Conference Arrangements (2.10, #4)

Arrangements for the III Conference were discussed.

B. Review of October Board Meeting Feedback (2.10, #6)

Ms. Majewski advised the Board that Mr. McHugh will report back to the Board on this at the next meeting since he had the Board Meeting Monitoring Forms from October.

C. Review Results of Board Inservice (2.10, #4)

Ms. Majewski asked for comments regarding the "Boot Camp" for District 20 and Illinois Finance that was conducted by Gary Ofisher, on Saturday, November 14. The Board overwhelmingly expressed their appreciation for the informative and detailed presentation by Mr. Ofisher. Ms. Majewski expressed that she liked the fact we were using district people to share their insights. She thanked Barb Wisniewski for suggesting this training.

IX. Superintendent's Report

A. Philip Rock Center and School Update (2.20, #13)

Mrs. Peggy Whitlow, Executive Director of the Phil Rock Center and School informed the Board about the tragic financial situation at Phil Rock. She reported that, due to lack of payment from the State of Illinois, the school will have to close for the Thanksgiving holiday. The effects of the closure demand that families have to try to provide a safe environment for their children who are both blind and deaf, a very difficult task. Children whose parents cannot care for their special needs are being cared for by some of the very wonderful staff members of Phil Rock School and Center.

Dr. Auer asked that board members who were attending the III Conference approach the ISBE board members on this matter. The District 20 Administration is also making phone calls to try to remedy the situation.

B. First Reading of Policies (New and Revised) (2.20,#1)

Dr. Auer asked the Board for any comments or questions on the policies that were presented for first reading:

2.260, 4.10, 4.60, 4.70, 4.110, 4.150, 5.10, 5.100, 5.190, 5.250, 5.290, 5.330, 6.20, 6.21, 6.50, 6.60, 6.65, 6.67, 6.210, 6.240, 6.320, 7.10, 7.20, 7.21, 7.30, 7.70, 7.100, 7.180, 7.190, 7.220, 7.310, 7.330, 7.340,

8.20, 8.30, 8.40 and 8.50. Second reading and adoption will occur at the December 17, 2009 Board Meeting. Dr. Auer explained that most of the changes in the policies were necessary for legal compliance.

C. Noteworthy Items

Dr. Auer presented the Community and Financial Dashboards.

Dr. Dirks presented cohort academic achievement charts based on District ISAT scores.

X. Reports/Presentations

A. Math Manipulatives (6.30)

Mrs. Sue Younker, algebra teacher at Spring Wood Middle School, presented a hands-on lesson on **algeblocks** to the Board. She showed the Board how the math manipulatives are used to teach children to visualize abstract math problems. The Board appreciated Mrs. Younker's presentation and explanation.

B. Budget Updates (Mr. Ofisher) (2.20, #4)

Gary Ofisher reported that the 08-09 budget ended in a positive mode. He attributed that fact to the Board insisting on adopting balanced budgets. Mr. Ofisher further explained that the Education Fund ended in the black. The O&M fund did not, as planned, due to the HVAC project this summer. Although the 08-09 budget balance shows a deficit it is only because the District spent money that was built up in previous budget years for exactly this purpose. Transportation is showing a deficit – the State didn't pay the District until September. At the end of this year, the money received will have to be adjusted in the budget to go back to 08-09. If the State doesn't pay transportation reimbursement as needed this year to pay First Student, and the District uses all local tax money it has for this purpose, the Board will have to pass a resolution to borrow money from Working Cash (possibly January). The District did spend down the Site and Construction fund on capital improvements. The District will build up that fund and then do more of the capital improvements necessary at the schools. All life safety amendments have been completed from 2005. The District will be building the funds for the next round of life safety projects necessary for compliance with new State and federal mandates in approximately 5 years. Mr. Ofisher thanked the Board for their efforts to maintain a balanced budget.

XI. Closed Session (To discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity: collective negotiating matters between the School Board and its employers or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees)

There was no need for a Closed Session at this meeting.

XII. Items for Board Action

A. Approval of the 2009 Levy (4.80)

Barb Wisniewski moved that the Board of Education approve the 2009 Tax Levy as presented: (See following.)

RESOLUTION RE: AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO
BE NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION IN 2009

WHEREAS, Section 18-60 of the Illinois "Truth in Taxation Act" provides that the Board of Education of Keeneyville Elementary School District No. 20, DuPage County, shall determine the amounts of money, exclusive of election costs, to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the tax year 2009 upon the taxable property of the District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the approved budget, the following amounts of money are necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2009 tax year upon the taxable property of the District;

- a. for Educational purposes for the year 2009; _____ \$ 9,931,077
- b. for Operations & Maintenance purposes for the year 2009; _____ \$ 1,412,414
- c. for Transportation purposes for the year 2009; _____ \$ 413,279
- d. for Working Cash Fund purposes for the year 2009 _____ \$ 0
- e. for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund purposes for the year 2009; _____ \$ 212,947
- f. for Social Security purposes for the year 2009; _____ \$ 188,221
- g. for Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security and Specified Repair Purposes for the year 2009; _____ \$ 0
- h. for Tort Immunity purposes for the year 2009; _____ \$ 51,471
- i. for Special Education Fund purposes for the year 2009; _____ \$ 68,627
- j. for Leasing of Educational Facilities or Computer Technology or Both, and Temporary Relocation Expense Purposes; _____ \$ 0

Aggregate Levy – 2009 excluding bonds _____ \$ 12,278,036
and

WHEREAS, the total amount of taxes extended for the 2008 tax year is
\$ 12,172,801 excluding bonds; and

WHEREAS, it appears that by virtue of the foregoing amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation that the 2009 aggregate tax levy for Keeneyville Elementary School District No. 20 will be less than 105% of the amount of property taxes extended, including any amount abated by the District prior to such extension, upon the final aggregate levy of the 2008 tax year, exclusive of election costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Keeneyville Elementary School District No. 20 that the following amounts of money are hereby determined to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2009 tax year upon the taxable property of the District;

a.	for Educational purposes for the year 2009;_____	\$ 9,931,077
b.	for Operations & Maintenance purposes for the year 2009;_____	\$ 1,412,414
c.	for Transportation purposes for the year 2009;_____	\$ 413,279
d.	for Working Cash Fund purposes for the year 2009_____	\$ 0
e.	for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund purposes for the year 2009;_____	\$ 212,947
f.	for Social Security purposes for the year 2009;_____	\$ 188,221
g.	for Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation Disabled Accessibility, School Security and Specified Repair Purposes for the year 2009;_____	\$ 0
h.	for Tort Immunity purposes for the year 2009;_____	\$ 51,471
i.	for Special Education Fund purposes for the year 2009; _____	\$ 68,627
j.	for Leasing of Educational Facilities or Computer Technology or Both, and Temporary Relocation Expense Purposes;_____	\$ 0
	Aggregate Levy – 2009 excluding bonds_____	\$ 12,278,036

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2009 tax year are hereby determined to be less than 105% of the amount of property taxes extended, including any amounts abated by the District prior to such

extension, upon the final aggregate levy of the 2008 tax year, exclusive of election costs, being in fact 100.86% of the amount extended for the 2008 tax year.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2009.

Tom Lair seconded.

Roll Call:	Barb Wisniewski	- aye
	Mike Fuechtmann	- aye
	Tom Lair	- aye
	Phil Anderson	- aye
	Scott Williams	- aye
	Carola Majewski	- aye

Motion carried.

- B. Approval of the Resolution to include compensation paid under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF

Tom Lair moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to include compensation paid under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings.
Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Discussion: District 20 has been reporting the Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings, but was asked by our auditor to have a resolution on file stating such.

Roll Call:	Mike Fuechtmann	- aye
	Tom Lair	- aye
	Phil Anderson	- aye
	Scott Williams	- aye
	Carola Majewski	- aye
	Barb Wisniewski	- aye

Motion carried.

XIII Miscellaneous

- A. December Board Meeting, **Thursday**, December 17, 2009, 7:00, Spring Wood Middle School
- B. Waterbury PTO Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 PM
- C. Greenbrook PTO Meeting, Wednesday, December 2, 5:00 PM
- D. Spring Wood PTO Meeting, Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 PM

XIV. Adjournment

At 8:20 p.m., Scott Williams moved that the Meeting adjourn; Barb Wisniewski seconded.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McHugh, President

Barb Wisniewski, Secretary