

Board Minutes

December 11, 2023

The Community Unit School District #2 of Scott and Morgan Counties held a Truth in Taxation Hearing, Monday December 11, 2023.

Gary Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart, April Coats and Drew Barnett. Matt Bangert was absent.

The FY23 Tax Levy was presented. No questions or comments were raised in regards to. Dr. Blankenship did however speak in reference to the district's aggregate levy not exceeding a 5% increase over the prior year's extension. A 4.23% increase was still presented due to the upcoming years ahead.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to close the Truth in Taxation hearing. Roger Barnett seconded.

The Community Unit School District #2 of Scott and Morgan Counties met in regular session, Monday December 11, 2023.

Gary Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart, April Coats and Drew Barnett.

Zach Morrissey, Liz Devall, Emmy Bunfill, Brenda Baker, Maeleigh Alexander, Max Sandman, Hayden Stambaugh, Tegan Albers and Haley Settles were present.

Gary Westermeyer gave the floor over to guest Maeleigh Alexander who made a request to the board to complete her Certified Nursing Assistant course over a period of 8 in session school days. The Board supported her request with the expectation that she keep her current grade point average and not fall behind in her final courses of her senior year.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of previous month's minutes, monthly bills, financial reports and payroll. Terry Kunkel seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Building Committee-

Dr. Blankenship reported that the ball field project is awaiting the decision of two concrete bids to proceed with the next step. Grant applications have had positive results and the project is within budget.

The High School project punch list is 99% completed. Specific staff have been educated and given access to control the HVAC online. The last items on the punch list will be completed over the holiday break while students are not in attendance.

The secure entrance bid opening was held on November 29th with most tasks being filled. Currently approaching general contractors in order to start the project. After last month's discussion on the security of the building, additional steps have been initiated to protect the staff and students.

Gary Westermeyer opened the floor to the guests in regards to their discussion of additional security measures. All guests noted that they would not be uncomfortable to walk through a metal detector. However, they also indicated how efficient they would be until other security measures are completed first.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Blankenship spoke in regards to the upgrade of the emergency situation process. Most admin and staff have been trained to date and all staff will be performing live training after the holiday break in regards to the new process, CrisisGO.

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CrisisGo, is a mobile communication tool that ensures all staff and administrators to be in the know and to continuously communicate as an emergency situation unfolds.

Principal's Report

Mr. Range noted the Christmas program is Wednesday the 13th. The angel tree group filled many requests for children in our district. He also commended Miss Devlin for her impact projects with her 5th grade students. To follow up from a previous meeting, the National Honor Society is currently re-drafting their constitution requirements in regards to service hours.

New Business:

The proposed motion to approve the check of box 1 of the Press issue #113..

Drew Barnett made the motion to approve the mark of box 1 of the Press issue #113 . Terry Kunkel seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Terry Kunkel, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve the 2023 Tax Levy.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve the property tax relief grant. April Coats seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Terry Kunkel, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve the annual Treasurer's Bond.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve the annual Treasurer's Bond. Terry Kunkel seconded the motion. Yea: Terry Kunkel, April Coats, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

There was no proposed motion to move to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment, evaluation and/or dismissal of staff.

The proposed motion to approve the personnel report containing the following;

1. Resignation of Krista Kunz- WC Volleyball Coach
2. Approve Colin Bigley - WC Baseball volunteer assistant coach

Roger Barnett made the motion to approve the personnel report. Drew Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Terry Kunkel, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Drew Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: all in favor.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary