

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2020

- Call to Order** President Deb Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call** Roll call showed members present: Michelle Rich, Josh Turigliatti, Gina Mudge, Laurie Ernat, Sid Haas and Deb Black. Heather Seghi was absent.
- Visitors** Teri Rossman, Architect Steve Nelson, Interior Design Specialist Julie Williams
- Approval of Board Agenda** Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment**
- The Amazon Smiles Program has donated \$165.67 in the first quarter to the Aden Lamps Foundation.
 - Gina Mudge and Heather Seghi were recognized and received a pin from the IASB for a Level One Board Membership.
 - Deb Black was recognized and received a plaque from the IASB for maintaining her Master Board Membership.
- Public Hearing FY'21 Budget** Mr. Linnig provided an overview of the FY'21 Budget. Despite all that has happened in 2020 with the pandemic, the District remains financially solid. The current budget incorporates \$700,000 for facilities improvement projects should the Board decide to proceed. A copy of the budget is posted to the District website. There were no questions or public comments. The FY'21 Budget awaits approval.
- Consent Agenda** Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Mudge, Turigliatti, Ernat, Haas and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- District Audit FY 2020** Hopkins and Associates performed the annual audit and stated there were no significant disagreements or findings in the FY '20 audit report. The FY'20 audit report awaits approval.
- Architect Presentation** Architect, Steve Nelson and Interior Design Specialist, Julie Williams presented on conceptual projects in 5 areas of the existing facility. The areas discussed were:
- The student entrance area
 - The office entrance and security
 - Multi-purposing the area between the office entrance and the gym
 - Cafeteria/gym stage
 - Updating the color schemes of the walls and flooring in common areas
- Return to School/ Transition Plan** Mrs. Rossman gave a brief summary of the opening days of school. Staff and students are happy to be able to do "in-person" learning. Temperatures are being
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taken at the entrances and students are in the classrooms within a very short time in the mornings. AIMS Web testing is done for the fall. 52% of the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students qualified for RtI support services. There are 6 remote learners by choice and 11 are home with various illnesses or the result of siblings exhibiting covid related symptoms. Teaching staff has been receiving ongoing training in the afternoons which has been very positive in providing the skills necessary to expand learning opportunities to both in-person and remote learners.

- Tax Increment Financing** A review of the District annual TIF impact/loss was reported with cumulative losses to date at \$661,679.00. Also discussed was the need for clarification regarding the per pupil reimbursement for residential TIF's.
- District Policies** The following policies were presented for the 1st reading:
- 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
 - 5:120 Employee Ethics and Conflict of Interest
- 2019-2020 Salary and Benefits Report** Mr. Linnig presented the Salary and Benefits Report to the Board. The report will be posted on the District website and awaits approval.
- Other** WIPFLI, LLC, the District bookkeeping company is changing their pricing and billing structure starting January 1, 2021. Mr. Linnig shared how Dimmick's property tax rate compared to other elementary school District's in the County. The high was \$4.29, low was \$1.31 and the average was \$2.97. Dimmick's tax rate is the 2nd lowest in the county at \$1.50.
- Action Items**
- Approval of FY'21 Budget** Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the Dimmick Community Consolidated School District # 175 Budget FY'21. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Ernat, Rich, Haas, Mudge, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Approval of the FY '20 Audit** Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the 2020 Audit. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Mudge, Haas, Rich and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 2019-20 Salary and Benefits Report** Sid Haas made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Salary and Benefits Report. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Executive Session** Laurie Ernat made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees of their representatives and probable or imminent litigation at 8:26 p.m. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Regular meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

**Action Items
Following Closed
Session**

**Approval of
Memorandum of
Understanding**

Michelle Rich made the motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Dimmick Elementary Teachers Association and the Dimmick Board of Education. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Turigliatti, Mudge, Haas, Ernat and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Josh Turigliatti made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Gina Mudge seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

President

Secretary