

Dimmick Consolidated School District #175
297 North 33rd Road, LaSalle, IL 61301
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 2021

- 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: Josh Turigliatti, Michelle Rich, Deb Black, and Laurie Ernat. Gina Mudge left at 7:02 p.m. Deb Herz attended via zoom. Heather Seghi was absent.
- Visitors** None.
- Approval of Board Agenda** Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. A voice indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Public Comment** None.
- Consent Agenda** Michelle Rich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Laurie Ernat seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Rich, Ernat, Turigliatti, Mudge, Herz and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Reports and Updates**
- Tax Levy FY 2020** Mr. Linnig presented the 2021 Tax Levy to the Board for approval. Based on estimates from LaSalle and Bureau Counties, taxable EAV increased by 2.32% to \$132,040,887. The breakdown by source is as follows; Farm-18%, Residential-20%, Commercial-41% and Industrial-21%. Based on the levy as presented, the total tax rate is estimated to be \$1.4944 which is a reduction of 3.6 cents or 2.4% from last year. The 2021 tax levy awaits approval.
- Facilities Report** Most of the punch list items are expected to be completed over winter break. The removable panels that separate the gym from the stage have been installed. The Dimmick logo will be applied once it arrives within the next month. There are no updates regarding the ISBE Maintenance Grant at this time.
- 2021 Joint Annual Conference** The board members shared information on the sessions they attended. Some of the topics were Social Media Predators, Disabilities, strategic planning, and Cyber-security. In addition, Laurie Ernat represented the District at the Delegate Assembly.
- School Improvements** Mr. Linnig gave a summary on the Strategic Planning and P/T Conference Survey results. The three areas most selected to be considered as goals in the next strategic plan were STEM, Social Emotional Learning and Math. Communication was noted as an area to improve.
- Other** The Health Department will no longer be handling contact tracing or release letters for Covid 19 cases for schools. The District will have to keep track of their own student and staff cases. The District will not be holding a staff/board Christmas Dinner this year. Instead, there will be a small gathering after school on the last day with some staff gifts.

Action Items

Approve the Tentative 2021 Tax Levy

Gina Mudge made a motion to approve the 2021 Tax Levy. Josh Turigliatti seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Mudge, Turigliatti, Rich, Ernat, Herz and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried

Closed Session

Laurie Ernat made the motion to enter closed session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and litigation. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Action Items Following Executive Session

Approval to Employment Recommendation

Laurie Ernat made a motion to approve the employment of Tara Knauf for the 4th grade teaching position. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Haas, Ernat, Rich, Mudge, Turigliatti and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of the Certified and Non-Certified Staff Seniority Lists

Josh Turigliatti made a motion to approve the certified and non-certified staff seniority lists. Michelle Rich seconded the motion. Roll call yeas: Turigliatti, Rich, Ernat, Herz and Black. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Laurie Ernat made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Sid Haas seconded the motion. A voice vote indicated all yeas. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wineinger

President _____ Secretary