

**Board of Education – *Committee of the Whole***  
**Williamsville Community Unit School District #15**  
**Williamsville, Illinois 62693**  
**February 19, 2019**  
**6:00pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Matt Seman, Charlie Waugh, Pam Kovacevich (arrived at 6:15pm), Kurt Ratliff, Tom Ray and Corey Conklin (arrived at 6:13pm)

**ADMINISTRATION & STAFF:**

Tip Reedy, Superintendent

**Public:**

Kevin Heid from Stifel, Lorri Bandy, Byron Painter, Workman family

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. The agenda was approved by Kurt and Tom and signified by voice vote by all members.

- Mr. Reedy introduced Kevin Heid from Stifel to speak about bonds and sales tax information. He noted the following:
  - Authority to issue the debt is good for 3 years
  - Can be issued in one or more series of bonds
  - Must have a feasibility study. We can split this cost with other districts and are looking to do so in order to defray cost
- Tables and charts were presented that show property tax supported bonds for 20 and 25 year repayment options
- CFST supported bonds were also shown
- Mr. Reedy asked what schools in our situation do; schools without a Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB)
  - Sales tax
  - Can pass a referendum to create a DSEB
  - Referendum for bonds for facilities
    - If we keep our current bond debt – we would not have to increase anything for the tax payers
- These bonds are callable and can be refinanced
- You can, and most do, invest the money, but have to follow procedures for the drawdown
  - Works whether you borrow it all or a smaller amount over time
- If a project isn't completed in three years – the IRS understands that things happen - but we must be moving in good faith to complete the project in the timeframe
- Step 1 – get through the 30 day period – asking to leverage tax dollars we are already anticipating
  - Resolution of intention – must contain the dollar amount, reference sources, general description of the project
  - Published for general circulation in the district
  - Recommendation is not to RFP until this process is completed and accepted
- Subject to interest rates at the time it's issued
- Interest rates expected at 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 5  $\frac{1}{4}$  depending on how long the issuance will be. These are estimated to remain in the next 3- 4 months. It doesn't look like there will be much movement from the feds in that time frame

- Borrow and pay as you go vs – get it all at once – benefits to one over the other
  - Recommended to ask for all you plan to borrow in the 3 years petition – one time
    - Don't continue to ask – will confuse the public and will have the cost of publications
  - Building bond referendum – could be a sticker shock look to the community – recommend to engage the community and find out what they are willing to support before we go further on that

A motion was made by Kurt Ratliff and seconded by Charlie Waugh to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:23m.

Motion carried

Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary and Director of Human Resources