

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**\*\*Regular meeting taking place at the District Office on July 20, 2015**

### MEMBERS

Position	Present	Absent
<b>Presiding Officer</b>	Jack Caldwell	
		Matt Seman
		Teresa Benner
	Pam Kovacevich	
	Corey Conklin (late)	
	Tom Ray	
<b>Superintendent</b>	David Root	
<b>Building Principals</b>	Adam Eucker	
<b>Board of Education Secretary</b>	Charlie Waugh	

### Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President, Jack Caldwell. Roll call was taken by the Recording Secretary. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Pam Kovacevich and seconded by Charlie Waugh that the agenda be approved as amended.

Discussion: 6f – retirement of Sue Herbstrith  
7a, #6 – update of TIF extension

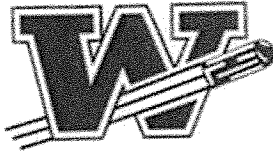
Motion carried

### Recognition of Employees and Public

Byron Painter – South County Publications  
Connie Jagels and Carol Stewart – members of the public

### Seating of Appointed Board Member

Mr. Root congratulated Tom Ray on being selected by the school board to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Eric Long. Mr. Ray stood and read the oath of office and was seated as a member.



**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to approve the consent agenda containing items a, b, c, d, e and f: namely Approval of the following minutes as written and distributed: Approval of the Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2015, Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2015, Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2015, Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$929,651.59 including reimbursement of the revolving fund in the amount of \$1,728.34, Approval of the Treasurer's Report, and Receipt of Resignations:

- Bobbi McMurray – Custodian/Driver
- Sue Herbstrith - Cook

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:  
 Charlie Waugh                      Jack Caldwell  
 Corey Conklin                      Pam Kovacevich  
 Tom Ray
- On roll call the following members were absent:  
 Matt Seman                              Teresa Benner

Motion carried

**Information Items**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

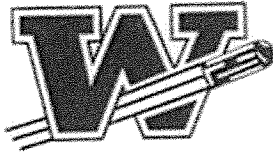
**1. 2015-16 Tentative Budget Overview**

Mr. Root presented the tentative budget for 2015-16 to the Board. Despite not yet passing a budget, the State has released proposed funding of levels of \$5900 per student, which is 92% of the 2006-2007 foundation levels for school funding. Last year, the State paid \$5700 per student.

Mr. Root uses the history of revenue and expenditures to formulate the tentative budget. Line items are noted with actual numbers spent per line item, by fund. This information is posted and available on the district website.

A summary sheet given to the Board details Revenues, Expenditures and Results of Operations, with and without early tax money, and is posted below. Mr. Root stated the 2014-15 results of operation of <\$775,059> include a debt certificate payment of \$573,071 for projects where the revenue was received in the previous year.

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Results of Operations</u>	<u>Overall Funds</u> <u>W/ Early Tax \$</u>	<u>Operating Funds</u> <u>W/ Early Tax \$</u>
2006-2007	\$11,247,248	\$11,448,685	(\$201,437)	\$2,695,968	\$1,252,954
2007-2008	\$14,032,569	\$13,974,841	\$57,728	\$2,751,800	\$2,014,196
2008-2009	\$12,832,819	\$11,373,548	\$1,459,271	\$4,211,071	\$3,461,418
2009-2010	\$13,305,836	\$12,168,245	\$1,137,591	\$5,348,662	\$4,578,461
2010-2011	\$14,104,346	\$12,870,336	\$1,234,010	\$6,582,672	\$5,812,265
2011-2012	\$13,693,223	\$13,478,996	\$214,227	\$6,796,899	\$6,007,576
2012-2013	\$13,894,679	\$13,960,024	(\$65,345)	\$6,748,677	\$5,933,340
2013-2014	\$15,223,838	\$14,714,540	\$509,298	\$7,257,975	\$5,763,088
2014-2015	\$14,224,283	\$14,999,342	(\$775,059)	\$6,518,983	\$5,577,293
2015-2016	\$14,068,650	\$14,331,734	(\$263,084)	\$6,255,899	\$5,376,454



Mr. Root noted that the State owes the district about \$4 million and projects a deficit for 2015-16 of about \$260,000. He noted that he is proud of the fact that we have not had to cut programs despite the lack of funding from the State. He stated that if we have money in the bank, we do not want to cut people and programs, especially when the issue is revenue and not spending.

Mr. Root further noted that he is proud that the district has been in Recognition status since 2009, especially in light of the financial climate put upon on us by the State.

<u>Comparison by Year</u>	<u>Operating Balance</u>	<u>State Rating</u>	
2001	\$795,561	WATCH	
2002	\$428,466	WATCH	
2003	(\$194,236)	WATCH	
2004	\$766,786	Early Warning	*Early Tax Begins
2005	\$806,493	Early Warning	
2006	\$1,421,016	Review	*Borrowed & IFL
2007	\$1,252,953	Early Warning	*Borrowed & IFL
2008	\$1,938,274	Review (Project)	*TAW's \$600,000
2009	\$3,461,418	Recognition	
2010	\$4,578,461	Recognition	
2011	\$5,812,265	Recognition	
2012	\$6,007,576	Recognition	
2013	\$5,933,340	Recognition	
2014	\$5,763,088	Recognition	
2015	\$5,577,293	Recognition	
2016	\$5,376,454	Review	

Mr. Root explained that about 50% of our revenue comes from state aid and the rest from property tax money. Currently the Governor wants to cut state aid and freeze property taxes, the combination of which is disastrous for schools. He stated some revenue stream has to be put in place if both sources of revenue are to be cut and/or frozen.

Mr. Root explained the different funds that district money is in and how they play into our budgeting and forecasting. He explained that some funds are restricted and cannot be used to cover other funds. Mr. Root uses this history to make his monthly index which is posted on our website and discussed monthly at each Board meeting. He also showed the Board the high and low water marks throughout the years.

## **2. State Budget**

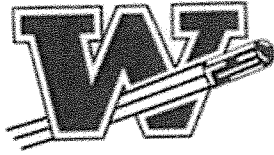
Discussed along with item 1

## **3. New Staff Dinner with School Board**

Mr. Root invited the Board to a dinner for new staff members on August 25, 2015 at 6:00pm, at Fire and Ale in Sherman. Board members are to RSVP to Mr. Root.

## **4. Concession Stand Remodel Proposal**

Sports Boosters is looking at ways to expand the concession stand and have obtained two proposals, one of which includes an addition, both of which include adding more windows for serving lines. The bids received were for \$43,620.16 and \$27,003.36 respectively.



Mr. Root stated that he appreciates all the boosters do for the school district, but noted that the district would not be able to put any funds towards this project. He confirmed with the Board that they would be in favor of this project sponsored by the boosters and a motion was made.

A motion was made by Tom Ray and seconded by Corey Conklin to support the Sports Boosters as they pursue expansion options for the concession stand.

Discussion: None

- On roll call the following members answered aye:
 

Charlie Waugh	Jack Caldwell
Corey Conklin	Pam Kovacevich
Tom Ray	
  
- On roll call the following members were absent:
 

Matt Seman	Teresa Benner
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Motion carried

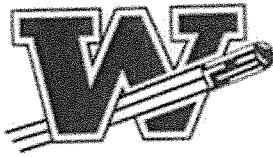
**5. Logan County Sales Tax Resolution**

Mr. Root explained the district receives some funds generated from the Logan County Sales Tax and a new agreement is due to be signed. Mr. Root explained that enacting a sales tax rate in Sangamon County would generate \$1.3 million dollars for our school, and would rise each year. It would lower the current property tax rate by almost a dollar and we would very likely never have to run a referendum again. He noted that items like the auditorium would be able to be afforded. He further stated that the Springfield School District must be the one to lead this charge as they have 51% of the students in the county.

**6. TIF**

Mr. Root updated the Board on the current status of the TIF, (Tax Increment Financing) district in Sherman. He explained the location of the TIF, noting it was put in place 23 years ago and renewed in 2008. He explained how both renewing and not renewing the TIF would have impacted the district and provided the chart below.

Year	EAV	TIF Growth	Limiting Rate 3.75			Proration	If TIF Died		TIF Extension	
			EAV	Taxes	Loss in GSA		Gain	Cumulative	Surplus TIF Pay	Cumulative
2008	\$ 15,930,037		8.41%	\$ 597,376			\$ 597,376	\$ 597,376	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
2009	\$ 16,450,949		3.27%	\$ 616,911	\$ (477,901)		\$ 139,009	\$ 736,386	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000
2010	\$ 17,187,952		4.48%	\$ 644,548	\$ (493,528)		\$ 151,020	\$ 887,406	\$ 300,000	\$ 800,000
2011	\$ 18,059,381		5.07%	\$ 677,227	\$ (515,639)		\$ 161,588	\$ 1,048,994	\$ 287,196	\$ 1,087,196
2012	\$ 18,835,934		4.30%	\$ 706,348	\$ (541,781)		\$ 164,566	\$ 1,213,560	\$ 290,562	\$ 1,377,758
2013	\$ 19,645,879		4.30%	\$ 736,720	\$ (565,078)	\$ (519,872)	\$ 216,849	\$ 1,430,409	\$ 303,107	\$ 1,680,865
2014	\$ 20,490,652		4.30%	\$ 768,399	\$ (589,376)	\$ (542,226)	\$ 226,173	\$ 1,656,582	\$ 319,703	\$ 2,000,568
2015	\$ 21,371,750		4.30%	\$ 801,441	\$ (614,720)	\$ (565,542)	\$ 235,899	\$ 1,892,480	\$ 326,097	\$ 2,326,665
2016	\$ 22,290,736		4.30%	\$ 835,903	\$ (641,153)	\$ (589,860)	\$ 246,042	\$ 2,138,523	\$ 332,619	\$ 2,659,284
2017	\$ 23,249,237		4.30%	\$ 871,846	\$ (668,722)	\$ (615,224)	\$ 256,622	\$ 2,395,145	\$ 339,271	\$ 2,998,555
2018	\$ 24,248,954		4.30%	\$ 909,336	\$ (697,477)	\$ (641,679)	\$ 267,657	\$ 2,662,802	\$ 346,057	\$ 3,344,612
2019	\$ 25,291,659		4.30%	\$ 948,437	\$ (727,469)	\$ (669,271)	\$ 279,166	\$ 2,941,968	\$ 352,978	\$ 3,697,590
2020	\$ 26,379,201		4.30%	\$ 989,220	\$ (758,750)	\$ (698,050)	\$ 291,170	\$ 3,233,138	\$ 989,220	\$ 4,686,810



### Action Items

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to keep Executive Session minutes sealed

Discussion: The practice is to seal these. The audio is destroyed after 18 months. Written minutes are kept permanently.

Motion carried

A motion was made by Corey Conklin and seconded by Tom Ray to approve certified and non-certified staff:

- Marcia Heaps – Freshmen Volleyball

Discussion:

- On roll call the following members answered aye:  
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Corey Conklin                      Pam Kovacevich  
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Motion carried

Mr. Eucker stated the district athletic department received the Brahler Cup from Channel 1450. This award recognizes the best athletic district in the area and comes with a trophy and \$1000 donation to the athletic department. He also noted that Jr. High baseball and softball tryouts are next week and all Fall sports are just around the corner.

Mr. Root reminded the Board the Principals are not required to be here in July and that we have two meetings in August. The early meeting has historically been used to hire staff and he noted the Board can look at the Board calendar and decide if this is something they would like to keep.

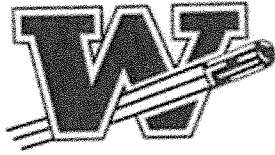
### Adjournment

A motion was made by Charlie Waugh and seconded by Pam Kovacevich to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None


Motion carried.

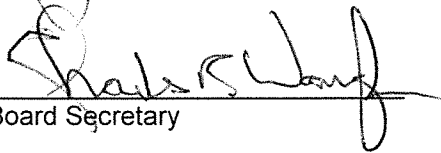
Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm



**Board Approval**

Dated this 20th day of July 2015

  
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Board President

  
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Board Secretary

\*\*Submitted by Jenny Brennan, Recording Secretary