

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, District 155, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois, was held at the District Office, Crystal Lake Illinois, in said District, Monday, November 25, 2013.

President, Ted Wagner, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll. Upon the roll being called, the following members answered present: Jim Nelson, Gary Oberg, Dave Secrest, Barbara Slusin, Ann Somers, Ted Wagner and Karen Whitman.

Following Administrators were also present: Dr. Johnnie Thomas, Superintendent; T. Ferrier, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, and Jeff Carr, Operations Manager. From FGM, Josh Czerniak and Jim Woods were in attendance.

T. Ferrier presented the Tentative Tax Levy for 2013. The Tentative Levy is adopted in November to comply with the State Truth-in-Taxation requirements prior to the actual levy hearing in December. By law, a school district must file its Certificate of Levy by the last Tuesday in December.

Revenue obtained from this tax levy will be used to operate the District for the 2013-2014 school year. The estimated aggregate levy for the year 2013 represents a 3.68% increase over the previous year. The Board Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed levy and recommends adoption.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTIMATED AGGREGATE AMOUNT
NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR LEVY YEAR 2013
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 155
COUNTIES OF MCHENRY AND LAKE
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Community High School District 155, Counties of McHenry and Lake, State of Illinois ("the Board of Education"), is empowered to levy taxes on the real property within the Community High School District 155, Counties of McHenry and Lake, State of Illinois ("the School District"); and

WHEREAS, The Truth-in-Taxation Law requires that all taxing districts in the State of Illinois determine the estimated amounts of taxes necessary to be levied for the year not less than twenty (20) days prior to the official adoption of the aggregate tax levy of the district; and

WHEREAS, if the estimated aggregate levy, exclusive of election costs, exceeds 105% of the aggregate amount of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended upon the aggregate levy of the preceding year, public notice shall be given and a public hearing shall be held on the district's intent to adopt an aggregate levy in an amount which is more than 105% of the extension or estimated extension for the preceding year; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of property taxes extended for the year 2012 was:

	2012 Levy Year
Educational Purposes	\$ 53,573,082
Operations, Building and Maintenance Purposes	7,386,347
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Purposes	1,181,899
Transportation Purposes	2,708,141
Special Education Purposes	1,477,360
Social Security and Medicare Purposes	1,477,360
TOTAL	<u>\$ 67,804,189</u>

and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that the estimated amount of taxes to be levied for each account and the total for the year 2013 is as follows:

	2013 Levy Year
Educational Purposes	\$ 59,000,000
Operations, Building and Maintenance Purposes	5,200,000
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Purposes	1,300,000
Transportation Purposes	1,500,000
Special Education Purposes	1,700,000
Social Security and Medicare Purposes	1,600,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 70,300,000</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Community High School District 155, Counties of McHenry and Lake, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The estimated aggregate levy for the year 2013 is **\$70,300,000**. This represents a **3.68%** increase over the previous year.

Section 2: The estimated aggregate levy for the year 2013 does **NOT** exceed 105% of the taxes extended or estimated to be extended on the District's aggregate levy in the year 2012.

Section 3: Public notice and a public hearing are, therefore, **NOT** required to be published in accordance with the requirements of Section 35 ILCS 200/18-70. A public hearing to approve the proposed property tax levy will be held December 17, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library, at Crystal Lake South High School, 1200 South McHenry Avenue, Crystal Lake, IL.

Section 4: The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2013 are **\$6,020,000**.

Section 5: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

Adopted and approved this the 25th day of November, 2013, upon motion made by _____ and seconded by _____. For the adoption of the foregoing resolution, a roll call vote was taken. The members voted as follows:

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Absent _____

Board of Education
Community High School District 155
Counties of McHenry and Lake
State of Illinois

By:

Theodore L. Wagner, President

ATTEST:

Mary Scherenberg, Secretary

Jim Nelson moved and Barbara Slusin seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2013, as required by the Truth-in-Taxation Act. Upon the roll being called the following members voted.

Aye: Jim Nelson, Gary Oberg, Dave Secrest, Barbara Slusin, Ann Somers, Ted Wagner and Karen Whitman

Nay: None

Absent: None

Jeff Carr, Operations Manager, presented the Health Life Safety Amendments for approval. It is recommended by the Board Operations Committee that the Board allows the District to move forward with the approval of Health Life Safety Amendments for Cary-Grove, Central, South, Prairie Ridge High Schools and Haber Oaks to the ROE and ISBE.

Barbara Slusin moved and Karen Whitman seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Health Life Safety Amendments for Cary-Grove, Central, South, Prairie Ridge High Schools and Haber Oaks to the ROE and ISBE.

Upon the roll being called the following members voted.

Aye: Jim Nelson, Gary Oberg, Dave Secrest, Barbara Slusin, Ann Somers, Ted Wagner and Karen Whitman

Nay: None

Absent: None

Jeff Carr, Operations Manager, presented the ISBE School, Maintenance Grant. The dollar for dollar matching grant program provides up to \$50,000 in matching funds for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings, grounds or structures for educational purposes. The Administration is recommending applying for the ISBE School Maintenance Grant which is due by November 27, 2013.

Dave Secrest moved and Gary Oberg seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve applying for the ISBE School Maintenance Grant due by November 27, 2013. Upon the roll being called the following members voted.

Aye: Jim Nelson, Gary Oberg, Dave Secrest, Barbara Slusin, Ann Somers, Ted Wagner and Karen Whitman

Nay: None

Absent: None

Jeff Carr, Operations Manager presented the Energy Efficiency Grant. The School Energy Efficiency Project Grant was made available to local districts to submit applications for a grant of up to \$250,000 in matching funds. The Administration is recommending applying for the ISBE School Energy Efficiency Grant due by November 27, 2013.

Dave Secrest moved and Gary Oberg seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve applying for the ISBE School Maintenance Grant due by November 27, 2013. Upon the roll being called the following members voted.

Aye: Jim Nelson, Gary Oberg, Dave Secrest, Barbara Slusin, Ann Somers, Ted Wagner and Karen Whitman

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Gary Oberg and seconded by Jim Nelson that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted.

Aye: Jim Nelson, Gary Oberg, Dave Secrest, Barbara Slusin, Ann Somers, Ted Wagner and Karen Whitman

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Barbara Slusin seconded by Karen Whitman that the Board of Education enter into Public Session at 7:45 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted.

Aye: Jim Nelson, Gary Oberg, Dave Secrest, Barbara Slusin, Ann Somers, Ted Wagner and Karen Whitman

Nay: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, it was moved by Ann Somers and seconded by Jim Nelson that the meeting adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held, Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., in the Media Center at Crystal Lake South High School, 1200 South McHenry Avenue, Crystal Lake, IL.

Attest:

Mary Scherenberg, Secretary
Board of Education, District 155
McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois

Ted Wagner, President
Board of Education, District 155
McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois