

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9  
Brighton, Illinois 62012  
December 19, 2023

TAX LEVY HEARING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Southwestern Board of Education was called to order by President-Jason Oertel at 6:45 p.m. on December 19, 2023, in the Middle School Commons Room in Piasa, Illinois. Jason Oertel-President asked Jenny Hanks, Board Secretary to call roll showing those members present as Jason Oertel, Jenny Hanks, Donna Loy, Brad Schuchman, Jacob Reno, Andrew Ruyle, Dr. Kevin Bowman-Superintendent and Kim Albert-Recording Secretary. Nicholas Strohbeck was absent.

Superintendent, Dr. Bowman, reviewed the districts cash reserve balances from June 2023-present with the board. There were no questions or concerns voiced.

Public Comments: None

A motion was made by Andrew Ruyle and seconded by Donna Loy to adjourn the Tax Levy Hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Schuchman, and Hanks

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.

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Kim Albert  
Recording Secretary

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

The Southwestern Board of Education met in regular session on December 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons in Piasa, Illinois. Jason Oertel-President, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and asked Jenny Hanks, Board Secretary, to call roll showing those members present as: Jason Oertel, Jenny Hanks, Donna Loy, Jacob Reno, Andrew Ruyle, Brad Schuchman, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Superintendent, and Kim Albert, Recording Secretary. Nicholas Strohbeck was absent. There were no other outside individuals in attendance other than Chuck Kasting, School Tech Employee.

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence and Recognition:** None

**Administrator Reports:** No administrators present.

**Superintendent Report:**

Superintendent Bowman gave the current enrollment report of 1158 students.

Dr. Bowman gave the board a district update reporting on the following:

- CONGRATULATIONS-7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL IESA 7-3A 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE WINNERS
- CONGRATULATIONS-C. AUTERY-3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE 3M SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING
- HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL
- GOOD LUCK TO DISTRICT BASKETBALL TEAMS IN TOURNAMENTS OVER WINTER BREAK
- JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> TEACHER INSTITUTE
- MS GYM IS COMPLETE!! THANKS TO ALL COACHES/TEACHERS FOR MAKING SCHEDULING WORK DURING CONSTRUCTION
- SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTMAS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT 12/27 & 12/28/23: HS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM WILL PLAY IN 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTMAS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT. ROUND-ROBIN TOURNEY WITH FOUR TEAMS. TEAMS PARTICIPATING INCLUDE SOUTHWESTERN, DUPO, MARYVILLE CHRISTIAN, & EAST ST. LOUIS CHARTER. SOUTHWESTERN WILL PLAY DUPO AT 11AM ON 12/27 & MARYVILLE CHRISTIAN AT 5PM 12/27. WILL PLAY EAST ST. LOUIS CHARTER AT 4:30PM ON DAY TWO.

**Items for Discussion or Acknowledgement:** None

**Items Considered for Action...**

**Consent Agenda:**

Items discussed in the consent agenda included the following...the financial report with balances as of November 30, 2023, as follows: Education Fund \$7,236,202.00 Operations/Maintenance \$1,455,970.00, Transportation \$917,046.00, Working Cash \$3,337,082.00, with the total being \$12,936,300.00, County Schools Facilities Sales Tax Revenue for November was \$54,849.08; December bills...Imprest bills...extra and substitute pay...substitute list...regular board meeting minutes from November 21, 2023...and to approve to keep the Closed Session Minutes from January 2023 – June 2023 for the Southwestern CUSD #9 Board of Education Closed.

Dr. Bowman went over the financial report stating that the district is 41.7% thru the fiscal year already. There were no questions regarding the consent agenda. Jacob Reno made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented and Andrew Ruyle seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, and Schuchman

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

A short public hearing was held concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the District to sell \$1,750,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds and \$5,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds. There were no questions by anyone.

A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Andrew Ruyle and seconded by Brad Schuchman.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Schuchman, and Hanks

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Jason Oertel made a motion to approve the resolution providing for tax levy for the year 2023 to be collected in 2024. Donna Loy seconded the motion to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Schuchman, Hanks, and Loy

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Jenny Hanks motioned to approve resolution Allocating 2023 Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the District-Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, as amended. Donna Loy made the second motion to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reno, Ruyle, Schuchman, Hanks, Loy, and Oertel

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Board Policies Press Issue 113 was approved with Donna Loy making the first motion to do so and Jason Oertel making the second motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ruyle, Schuchman, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, and Reno

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The school basketball coaches have inquired about getting another basketball hoop put in the Medora gym. A quote was presented to the board for the addition of one basketball hoop. Jenny Hanks made a motion to approve the bid to place one additional basketball hoop in the Medora gym with Brad Schuchman seconding to do so.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schuchman, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, and Ruyle

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Donna Loy made the first motion and Andrew Ruyle made the second motion to approve M. Tungett as a Volunteer Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, and Schuchman

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no issues to discuss in closed session this month.

Andrew Ruyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Schuchman seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Schuchman, and Hanks

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:14P.M.**

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Kim Albert  
Recording Secretary

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Board President

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