

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
Willow Springs School Library**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President MaryEllen Weeg.

Roll Call

Members present: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President MaryEllen Weeg.

Acceptance of the Superintendent's Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the Superintendent's Agenda.

Motion 18-048 by L. McSweeney, seconded by McSweeney as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the superintendent's Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney and Timmons

Financial Report

The auditor's report for the month of November was in the packet. We continue to be right on target. Due to scheduling conflicts, neither Nick Cavaliere or Carl Thomas from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause were able to attend.

2017 Levy Adoption

As in last month, we will adopt the levy for our tax appropriations for 2017.

The superintendent included the letter from Nick Cavaliere outlining the strategy behind tax levies, and ours in particular. It is a pretty clear analysis of the current taxing situation and the rationale behind the levy. Note that our EAV has begun to increase slightly. We need to continue to be more strategic in how the taxes are levied in order to maintain the income level.

The superintendent, along with Nick Cavaliere, are recommending an increase in the levy for 2017 of 4.9%. The superintendent is also recommending that we continue to maximize the levy in the transportation fund to capture as much of the 4.9% as possible. Remember the 4.9% is only on new properties. Existing properties would get an increase of CPI, which is 2.1% for 2017. The levy is also designed to transfer funds from the Transportation fund to the Ed. Fund. This should be the last year we are required to do this as the new funding formula eliminates fund caps while still maintaining the overall tax cap. We are continuing with the old way to insure that the law shakes out the way it was intended.

As we will be levying less than a 5% increase, we are not required to hold a special meeting to adopt the levy. It will be part of the regular meeting.

The superintendent recommends the adoption of the resolution and ordinance levying and assessing taxes of the Willow Springs School District 108 for 2017 with a 4.9% increase as presented.

Motion 18-049 by Timmons, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent that the 2017 levy be prepared with a 4.9% increase and that the levy be utilized to gain maximum funding.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney and Timmons

Nays: Ciota

Minutes

A copy of the October 24, 2017 and November 28, 2017 regular meeting minutes were included in the packets.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for October 24, 2017.

Motion 18-050 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Ciota as recommended by the superintendent that the minutes from October 24, 2017 are approved.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, and L. McSweeney

Abstain: McSweeney and Timmons

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for November 28, 2017.

Motion 18-051 by Ciota, seconded by Timmons as recommended by the superintendent that the minutes from November 28, 2017 are approved.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney and Timmons

Abstain: Weeg

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 18-052 by Ciota, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the consent agenda.

Consent #1

The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the bills in the amount of \$284,685.37 (7A-1-2), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$466.00 (7B) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$50,770.09 (7C) for the month of December 2017.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report of the auditor for the month of November 2017. Fund balances: Educational: \$3,513,058; Operations & Maintenance: \$424,745; Debt Service: \$825,600; Transportation: \$567,933; IMRF: \$272,060; Capital Projects: 0; Working Cash: \$505,940; Tort: \$793,920; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety \$481

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney and Timmons

Notices and Communications

The superintendent presented the following news articles:

A-a. 0 journal articles related to National and Illinois Education Issues at this time.

A-b. 1 Newspaper and related articles related to Willow Springs School.

1. The District's Annual Statement of Affairs was published in the Des Plaines Valley News on November 23, 2017.

A-c. 0 Newspaper and related articles related to early childhood education.

Item 8B Legislative/SCOPE report: 0 Items.

Item 8C State Board of Education Correspondence: 0 Items.

Item 8D Illinois Association of School Boards Correspondence: 0 Items.

Item 8E AERO Correspondence items: 0 Items.

Item 8F EBC Health Insurance Co-op Correspondence items: 0 Items.

Item 8G Village of Willow Springs Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8H County Clerk Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8I Intermediate Service Center Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8J Township Treasurer Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8K

Superintendent Correspondence Received: 0 items.

Superintendent Correspondence Sent: 0 items.

Item 8K-A Freedom of Information Act Requests and Notices 0 items.

Special Education

Cindy McSweeney reported:

The AERO Governing Board hasn't met since our last meeting. There has been a great deal of activity concerning the potential purchase of the Queen of Peace property.

Also, Oak Lawn-Hometown District 123, who left the Cooperative in 2016 has not seen the savings they had hoped to have. They are attempting to force a renegotiation of the separation agreement by withholding payment for services received for students they have enrolled in AERO. The AERO Executive Board has directed AERO's attorneys to stipulate that AERO is not looking to renegotiate the Matter and that they need to pay their bills on time.

Audience Participation

Lori Smuda, Principal & Teachers: Jason Noble, & Michelle VonBank were present.

Principal's Report

Principal Smuda reported:

Approximately 20 families with 47 children were given clothes, toys and food for the holidays. The Lions Club, Christian Reform Church of Orland Park, Argo High School, and several staff members donated to the needy families.

Nurse Lisa has registered Willow into ICARE. It's an online program to view the state's immunization records for the students. If parents cannot produce health records, she has the option to search for them online! It will save a lot of time in her office and keep the students in school.

Second quarter midterm reports were distributed. Quarter 2 ends on January 12th.

The staff holiday party was super fun! Besides socializing, we played candy cane pick-up and answered questions from the Game of Things. Most staff loved the venue!(including the principal!)

The PFC ran the Holiday Fair last week. The annual event always brings excitement to the school! Thank you to the volunteers (one was Karen Triezenberg)!

Item 11A Class Size Information

Enrollment remains fairly steady, but still many ins and outs. We don't know what to anticipate over winter break from Sterling.

Item 12A Results of the Lead Test in Drinking Water

As required by Illinois law, we were required to test our drinking water, once again, for lead contamination. The superintendent included the Executive Summary of the report in the packet – our drinking water is safe from lead. The parents were notified in the December 15th Willow Weekly.

Item 12B Personnel: Hiring of New Employee

The principal and superintendent are pleased to recommend Ms. Britta Beardsley to you as the new English Language Arts teacher for junior high. The recommendation for her hire was in the packets. We are excited to have her.

The superintendent recommends hiring Britta Beardsley as an English Language Arts teacher for junior high for the 2017-2018 school year at a salary of \$19,497.50 + TRS (Lane A, Step 1 prorated to 90 days).

**Motion 18-053 by Weeg, seconded by Ristić as recommended by the superintendent we hire Britta Beardsley as an English Language Arts teacher for junior high for the 2017-2018 school year at a salary of \$19,497.50 + TRS (Lane A, Step 1 prorated to 90 days).
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney and Timmons**

Item 12C Board Meeting Calendar Adoption

The dates for the 2018 and 2019 Board meetings were in the packet. For 2019, the superintendent followed the same logic as has been practiced.

The superintendent recommends the adoption of the 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar.

**Motion 18-054 by Ciota, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent we adopt the 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney and Timmons**

Item 13 Calendar Information

Item 14 Closed Session

The superintendent did not need to go into closed session.

Item 15 Final Actions

The superintendent recommends the approval of the October 24, 2017 Closed Session minutes and to keep them closed to the public.

Motion 18-055 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Ciota

As recommended by the superintendent we approve the October 24, 2017 Closed Session minutes and to keep them closed to the public.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, and L. McSweeney

Abstain: McSweeney and Timmons

The superintendent recommends the approval of the November 28, 2017 Closed Session minutes and to keep them closed to the public.

Motion 18-056 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Ciota

As recommended by the superintendent we approve the November 28, 2017 Closed Session minutes and to keep them closed to the public.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney and Timmons

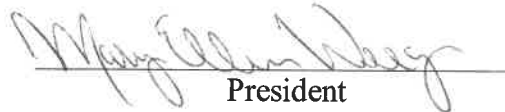
Abstain Weeg

Item 16 Adjournment

Motion 18-057: Adjournment at 7:25 pm

Motion made by Weeg, Seconded by McSweeney

Hearing no objections so moved.


President


Secretary