

TIFFIN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 6:00 PM
Tiffin Middle School Cafetorium
103 Shepherd Drive, Tiffin, Ohio

The special meeting of the Tiffin City Board of Education was called to order by the President, Mr. Victor Perez, with the following members present: Mr. Perez, Dr. Jeffrey Hoyda, Dr. Meagan McBride, and Mr. Christopher Widman. Dr. Andrew Gase was absent.

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Perez.

Pledge of Allegiance

(20-176) Dr. McBride moved, seconded by Dr. Hoyda, the Tiffin City Board of Education adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopt Agenda

The president called for the vote. Voting yes: Dr. McBride, Dr. Hoyda, Mr. Widman, and Mr. Perez. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Public Input

Carissa Allen, 135 Clinton Avenue, Tiffin, spoke about special meeting notices and the delayed approval of a hybrid learning plan.

(20-177) Mr. Perez moved, seconded by Dr. McBride, the Tiffin City Board of Education waive the OAPSE Local 571 grievance presented at the October 27, 2020, board meeting.

OAPSE 571 Grievance

The president called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Perez, Dr. McBride, Mr. Widman, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

(20-178) Dr. Hoyda moved, seconded by Dr. McBride, the Tiffin City Board of Education approve the proposal from Walter's Boiler Works Inc. to replace the boiler at Noble Elementary, as exhibited on pages 5-7 of the agenda.

Noble Elementary Boiler Proposal

The president called for the vote. Voting yes: Dr. Hoyda, Dr. McBride, Mr. Widman, and Mr. Perez. Motion carried.

(20-179) Dr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Perez, the Tiffin City Board of Education approve the memorandum of understanding between Tiffin City Schools and the Tiffin Education Association, as exhibited on pages 8-11 of the agenda.

TEA COVID-19 MOU

The president called for the vote. Voting yes: Dr. McBride, Mr. Perez, Mr. Widman, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

(20-180)

Dr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Perez, the Tiffin City Board of Education approve the revised (District Educational) Service Technologist job description, as exhibited on pages 12-13 of the agenda.

**Service
Technologist
Job
Description**

The president called for the vote. Voting yes: Dr. McBride, Mr. Perez, Mr. Widman, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

Dr. Gase entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF OPERATING LEVY

Mr. Grubbs spoke about school finance presentations given to the Finance Committee and building staffs with Mrs. Perry. The presentations included several operating levy scenarios to correct deficit spending, operating reserves, and cash balances. The scenarios were updated after the five-year forecast was updated, which included an additional and significant expense for the Tiffin Developmental Center beginning in fiscal year 2021 that will be reimbursed in the following fiscal year. He also spoke about potential cost savings in utilities and transportation. He stated that some staff members believed 7.25 property tax mills might pass while most believed 5 mills would likely pass.

**Operating
Levy
Discussion**

Mrs. Perry spoke about the drafted five-year forecast that will be recommended for the board's approval on November 24. She also spoke about updated operating levy scenarios based on that draft. Deficit spending is projected to escalate annually during the forecast due to stagnant revenues and inflated expenditures, which includes frozen and reduced state funding beginning in fiscal year 2019. The district's cash balance is projected to be negative by the end of fiscal year 2025. Passing a levy in 2021 will generate one-half of its revenue in fiscal year 2022 and be fully collected by fiscal year 2023. The district's ending cash balance is currently forecasted to include a capital improvements reservation totaling \$3,250,000 by the end of fiscal year 2025. Scenarios from 5 to 15 mills illustrated potential corrections to forecasted deficits, the annual cost to average homeowners, and estimated income tax equivalents.

Mr. Perez spoke about the Finance Committee's consensus that 5 mills would be most likely to pass but insufficient to correct the forecast. He also spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic accelerating the district's need for an operating levy to 2021. He is concerned about community perception, new construction needs, recently purchased land, and the capital improvements reservation.

Dr. McBride spoke about operating reductions and suggested 7.25 mills be proposed.

Dr. Hoyda spoke about proposing an operating tax based on earned income rather than traditional income or property.

Mr. Widman spoke about proposing a permanent, continuous tax and the bad fortune of the pandemic.

Dr. Gase spoke about proposing a sufficient levy to delay and avoid future and frequent proposals.

The Interim Superintendent and Treasurer were directed to gather information regarding school district income taxes and demographic comparisons such as total tax burden and cost per pupil.

Carissa Allen, 135 Clinton Avenue, Tiffin, spoke about public opposition to budget cuts.

(20-181) Mr. Widman moved, seconded by Dr. McBride, the Tiffin City Board of Education adjourn. **Adjournment**

The president called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Widman, Dr. McBride, Dr. Gase, Dr. Hoyda and Mr. Perez. Motion carried.

Meeting started: 6:00 PM

Meeting ended: 7:15 PM

The next regular meeting will be November 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Tiffin Middle School Cafetorium. **Next Meeting**

President

Treasurer