



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 522
PSOP
Mildred Feurer Hall
201 North Church Street
Belleville IL 62220
December 28, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting/public hearing of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Illinois College, District No 522 was held Monday, December 28, 2015 in the Mildred Feurer Hall of PSOP, 201 North Church Street, Belleville, Illinois. Chairman Nick Mance called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Dr. Harry Briggs
Kenneth R. Joseph
Nick Mance
Robert G. Morton
Richard Roehrkas

Trustees absent:

Philip L. Smith
Savannah Stellhorn, Student Trustee
Eugene Verdu

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held concerning the proposed 2015 tax levy in accordance with the Illinois Truth-in-Taxation law. Chairman Mance asked SWIC Controller Missy Roche to state the reasons for the proposed tax levy increase.

Ms. Roche stated in order to continue eligibility for ICCB Equalization Funding, the District must keep the operating tax rate at 95% of the Maximum Operating Rate as established by the ICCB. The second factor impacting the District is the upcoming final payment on the 2010 Working Cash Bond issue. The reduction in bond and interest payments in FY 2017 would cause a decrease in the tax levy, resulting in a decrease of over \$2.0M in tax levy extension.

Chairman Mance asked if anyone wished to offer comments in favor of the proposal; if anyone wished to offer comments against the proposal; or if anyone wished to submit comments in writing for or against the proposal. No comments, either verbal or written, were received.

Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to close the public hearing. Upon a voice vote, the motion **PASSED**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

TAX LEVY RESOLUTIONS

MOTION 12-28-15:01

Mr. Joseph moved, seconded by Dr. Briggs, to adopt the tax levy resolutions by title only. Upon a roll call vote, those members voting aye were Dr. Briggs, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkas, and Mr. Mance. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Stellhorn (Opinion), Mr. Smith, and Mr. Verdu. **PASSED**

MOTION 12-28-15:02

Mr. Roehrkas moved, seconded by Dr. Briggs, to adopt Resolution Adopting Calendar Year 2015 Tax Levy (including Resolution of Intent to Levy Additional Tax Pursuant to Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act) Upon a roll call vote, those members voting aye were Dr. Briggs, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkas, and Mr. Mance. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Stellhorn (Opinion), Mr. Smith, and Mr. Verdu. **PASSED**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Dr. Briggs, to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. The motion carried.

Approved: **01.20.16**

Respectfully submitted,

Nick J. Mance
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Beverly J. Fiss
Secretary to the Board of Trustees