

**FSY 2021 Budget Hearing of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District #7
High School/Middle School Cafeteria
612 Broadway Street
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
September 28, 2020**

President Hayes called the Budget Hearing of Community Unit School District #7 School Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Owsley, Principals Jill Rosentreter, Tara Cooper, and Angela Sandretto attended the meeting. Jennifer Brown, Dave Ambrose, Chris Best, Micki Romanus, Officer Stinnett, and Tracy Petersen also attended the meeting.

Superintendent Owsley presented a Power Point presentation defining revenues and expenditures for the proposed FSY 2021 Budget.

Estimated Revenues are as follows: Educational Fund \$11,766,481; Building Fund \$653,677; Debt Service Fund \$1,183,899; Transportation Fund \$557,065; Illinois Municipal Retirement (IMRF)/Social Security Fund \$389,770; Capital Projects Fund \$465,191; Working Cash Fund \$34,834; Tort Fund \$181,233 for total estimated revenue of \$15,232,150.

Estimated Expenses/Payments are as follows: Educational Fund \$12,391,146; Building Fund \$894,071; Debt Service Fund \$1,181,858; Transportation Fund \$547,934; IMRF/Social Security Fund \$388,541; Capital Projects Fund \$459,173; Working Cash Fund \$0; Tort Fund \$125,000 for a total estimated Expenses/Payments of \$15,987,723.

Balance Total as of June 30, 2020 was \$8,191,718. Estimated Projected Fund Balance as of June 30, 2021 is \$7,436,145.

There were no comments on the proposed budget.

The Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
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The regular meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board was called to order at 6:16 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria, 612 Broadway Street, Gillespie, IL 62033 by President Hayes.

ROLL CALL: Hatlee, present; Dobrino, present; Hayes, present; Schmidt, present;
Tiburzi, present; Alepra, present remotely; Carter, present

Superintendent Owsley, Principals Jill Rosentreter, Tara Cooper, and Angela Sandretto attended the meeting. Jennifer Brown, Dave Ambrose, Chris Best, Micki Romanus, Officer Stinnett, Julie Ranger-Fleshman, and Tracy Petersen also attended the meeting.

Motion made by Tiburzi, seconded by Schmidt to approve the amended agenda as presented. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Schmidt for Roll Call Vote to Adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:17 p.m. for the following:

- A. Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Discussion of probable or imminent litigation, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- C. Discussion of student disciplinary cases, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
- D. Discussion of collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hatlee for Roll Call vote to return to open session at 7:50 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Action on Closed Session Matters

Motion made by Carter, seconded Dobrino to uphold the administrator's suspension of Student 8072. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Alepra to approve the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 17, 2020, the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of the Special Meeting dated September 9, 2020, and the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of the Special Meeting dated September 23, 2020. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Alepra to approve payment of the September 2020 bills as follows:

Education Fund	\$60,834.44
Operations & Maintenance Fund	\$31,863.88
Transportation Fund	<u>\$ 1,056.95</u>
For a Grand Total of	\$93,755.27

Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion carried.

Freedom of Information Requests

Request was received from Amanda Yeager September 9, 2020, for studies, memos, letters, and electronic communications stating that it was unsafe in any way for any person to attend Community Unit School District #7. Officer Stinnett delivered the information September 15th at 4:00 a.m.

Request was received September 10th from Don Adams, Associate Municipal and Scholastic Placements for the package insurance policy issued to District #7 including legal liability, casualty, and workmen's compensation coverage. Information was delivered September 10th at 12:14 p.m.

Recognition of the Public

No one from the public addressed the Board of Education.

Superintendent's Report

There was no "District Focus", but Superintendent Owsley stated that new employees will be introduced at the October meeting.

There was no Union Update at this time.

Principal Sandretto gave the Ben-Gil Elementary Report:

Ben-Gil Elementary School is continuing to work through:

1. The remote learning plans.
2. Transitioning to the blended learning plan.
3. Schedules for students return to in-person learning

Meetings have been ongoing at grade level, specialty teachers, Title team, and special education to build daily schedules for students and services.

A Dismissal Committee has been working to build a plan for releasing students at the end of the day.

This will be a new challenge for the elementary with the Covid changes and the number of students who will be car pick-ups for this school year.

Principal Cooper gave the Gillespie Middle School Report:

- September 2 SIP Day
 - Virtual PD
 - GMS Technology Leadership Team
 - Presented ideas/strategies for remote learning and Microsoft Teams
- GMS School Leadership Team
 - Meetings on September 3 and September 14
 - Working on SIP goals
 - Focus on Math
 - Awaiting MAP testing
- Administration (with the help of Lisa Ballinger) met to import student rosters for MAP testing
 - Assessments to measure student growth and proficiency in Math and ELA

- Benchmark testing will take place the first week students return
- 7th Grade student pick up days on September 17/18
 - Students “rocking remote learning” were provided candy bars (sponsored by student council) as they drove thru to pick up learning materials
- Administrative Team has met with teachers, nurses, custodians, cafeteria staff, bus garage to prepare for the transition to our blended plan
- Friday, September 25 = Mt. Olive Teachers presented to our 4-12 grade teachers
 - Discussed live streaming and other aspects of blended learning
 - Our teachers had the opportunity to ask questions
- Today and Tomorrow (September 28 & 29)
 - Grade-level meetings to finalize preparations for the return of in-person learners
- Blended Learning Information Packet Pick Up
 - Wednesday, September 30 10AM-2PM
 - Packet includes:
 - Informational brochure
 - Self-cert checklist
 - Exclusion chart
 - Mask policy
 - Return to Learn COVID 19 Guidance
 - Exclusion Notice
 - School supply list
 - Breakfast/lunch menu
 - Parent/Teacher conference information
 - Extra-curricular COVID waiver
- Parent/Teacher conferences
 - Wednesday, October 7 and Thursday, October 8
 - Offering virtual or in-person
- MS September GEM (Great Employees Matter) Winners
 - Jessica Kelly
 - Michelle Bertetto
 - Jacob Bilbruck
 - Rachelle Prough
- THANK YOUS!
 - Kevin McNicholas and Jassen Stinnett for accompanying me on MANY student home visits (made for USB exchanges and to discuss grades and attendance)!
 - Technology department for all of their hard work throughout remote learning – a lot of tech support tickets, but they have done an exceptional job helping staff and student efficiently
 - Custodial crew for all they do to keep our facilities safe and clean
 - Bus garage/cafeteria staff/paraprofessionals = successful meal delivery system daily
 - Teachers and paras-overcoming challenges and persevering through remote learning
 - Marsha – keeping the office running smoothly and taking on a variety of additional roles while we navigate these uncharted waters
 - Fellow administration team members and school board – all of their support!

Principal Rosentreter gave the Gillespie High School Report:

- ❖ MPACT'D: Jennifer Brown's student group MPACT'D (Miners Preparing and Caring for Teen Driving) has changed since March in how they have participated in events. The group was supposed to be the host school at the 2020 conference this year in Wichita, KS. However, the conference went virtual so they group's presentation was centered on student perception of remote learning and the challenges they face for the 2020-2021 school year.

The MPACT'D SAB (Student Advisory Board) worked hard at creating a lighthearted view of remote learning through their video. https://youtu.be/ybLoKTPCH_o

- ❖ SAT: Seniors were provided the choice of taking the SAT in September or October. The assessment was given to a handful of seniors last week which was administered by Mrs. Jill Strole on our HS gym. The 2nd assessment will be given October 14.
- ❖ Student of the Month for September is CJ Frensko. CJ was one of many outstanding seniors who ran for nomination. Congratulations CJ.
- ❖ Student packet pick up will be this Wednesday, September 30 in a drive-thru process from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ❖ Parent Teacher conferences are currently being scheduled for October 6 and 7. Conferences will be offered virtually or In-Person.
- ❖ The CEO Program, led by Pete Visintine, recently organized a Clothes Drive. Our five seniors (Preston Kaylor, Ambrosia Redmon, Taylor VanHuss, Chris Payne and Aulona Seferi) worked at GHS for three days to collect clothes from our community members then assisted in a larger drive with the entire CEO group at Carlinville on September 27.
- ❖ I would like to congratulate Rick Spencer who was recently named into the 4H Hall of Fame. Rick has been involved in 4H since he was 8 years old as a boy and moved up the ranks as Chairman of the organization. Rick would like to share his work ethic and success to his grandparents, parents and Uncle as they were instrumental in getting him involved in 4H.
- ❖ The golf team will be participating in the Regionals next week, so good luck to those athletes.
- ❖ Preparation for the Girls' BB team has begun while games for their season will begin in November.

Superintendent Owsley thanked the Ambulance Service for the memorial donation in behalf of Jody Burns.

District #7 has received an additional grant in the amount of \$96,810.

Superintendent Owsley reported that students were hitting golf balls in the parking lot and broke a nearby resident's window.

Superintendent Owsley met with district nurses to have them put information in the Wednesday distribution packets.

John Schmidt, district benefactor, called to ask Superintendent Owsley if the district was in need of a donation for any specific needs. He told Superintendent Owsley that he would send a check by the end of the month to be used in the district as needed.

Old Business

Superintendent Owsley reported that he has received the contracts yesterday for the Shop Expansion Project, so the project is ready to start.

New Business

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hayes to approve the First Reading of Press Plus Issue 105 as presented: Draft Update: Policy 2:360 Uniform Grievance Procedure; Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; Policy 5:100 Staff Development Program; Policy 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; Policy 5:220 Substitute Teachers; Policy 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; Policy 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; Policy 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; Policy 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited; Policy 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; Draft Update New: Policy 2:265 title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure. Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Owsley gave the 6th Day Enrollment Analysis.

	2020-2021	6 Year Average
Ben-Gil Elementary	520	628
Gillespie Middle School	276	296
Gillespie High School	355	371
Total	1151	1294

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Hatlee to adopt the Resolution Allowing E-Learning Days to be used in lieu of Emergency Days as presented. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt to approve FSY 21 District Budget as presented. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Schmidt to approve Administrator/Teacher Salary and Benefits Report School Year 2020 as presented. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Alepra to approve the 10 Year Health Life Survey for the Middle School/High School as presented. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hatlee, seconded by Hayes to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion Carried.



Mark Hayes, President



William J. Carter Jr., Secretary