

**ST. LIBORY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES FOR
November 28, 2023**

The Regular Board of Education meeting for St. Libory Consolidated School District No. 30 was held at the school on November 28, 2023. President, Sarah Brandt, called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Board members present: Amber Harriman, Ron Musenbrock, Bonnie Stroder, Holly Rehg, Dale Dressler, Julie Lange, Sarah Brandt Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitor communication:

- IASB sent an acknowledgement that the District is an active member

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of October 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- Bills/financial statements
- Committee reports
- Superintendent report

Motion for Consent Agenda Items of bills/financial statements, committee reports and superintendent report: Bonnie Second: Holly

Yes: Amber, Ron, Bonnie, Holly, Dale, Julie, Sarah **No:** n/a **Abstain:** n/a **Absent:** n/a

Motion Passed

Truth in Taxation Hearing:

Per Dr. Rude, the district has not had to have a 'Truth in Taxation Hearing' in probably 10+ years. This hearing is necessary due to the increase in EAV and the tax levy increase this year; it's a requirement since it's an increase over 5%. This is an opportunity for discussion or questions.

Motion to enter Truth in Taxation Hearing 6:34p: Julie Second: Ron

All present in favor.

Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn Truth in Taxation Hearing 6:40p: Dale Second: Ron

All present in favor.

Motion Passed.

Executive Session:

- Executive session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel

for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.
Not needed at this time.

Old Business:

- Consider FY24 Tax Levy

This is a significant levy increase over the previous year. The County estimates a 16.9% increase in EAV for this coming year for our township; this is the largest they said that they have seen. This does not mean a significant tax rate increase – tax rates should remain consistent at around 3.7% - but there is more property value to tax which means an increase in revenue for the school district. The high school also expects to see around a 12% increase in EAV across their multiple townships.

The estimate/tentative levy amounts by fund from the St. Clair County Clerk that were approved at the October BOE meeting: Education \$378,000; Building \$60,000; Transportation \$19,000; Working Cash \$8,000; IMRF \$20,000; Fire/Safety \$8,000; Tort \$90,000; Special Education \$3,200; and Lease \$3,400.

Motion to Approve FY24 Tax Levy Amounts by Fund: Education \$430,000; Building \$68,000; Transportation \$22,000; Working Cash \$9,000; IMRF/SS \$20,000; Fire/Safety \$9,000; Tort \$95,000; Special Education \$3,600; and Lease \$3,400: Holly Second: Dale

Yes: Amber, Ron, Bonnie, Holly, Dale, Julie, Sarah **No:** n/a **Abstain:** n/a

Absent: n/a

Motion Passed

- Other old business

* Lucas Litteken ordered 2 lights and 4 photo-eyes for the school exterior. Waiting for them to be placed. Dr. Rude said some of the items have been on back-order since being ordered in July. Lucas ordered different lights, hopefully those will be able to arrive sooner than the original order. Been a safety concern, but especially now since it is getting dark outside earlier.

* Sarah inquired if the District has heard from Oakdale on a possible Sports Co-Op for next school year. Dr. Rude said AD Tim reached out to the Superintendent of Oakdale, Charlie Peterson, for follow up from Oakdale's November BOE Meeting. Superintendent Peterson said they did sign a two-year contract with St. Ann's out of Nashville. This is an ongoing discussion between both Districts. Hopefully more information will be given at the December BOE meeting since Oakdale's BOE meets one day prior to our BOE Meeting.

New Business:

- Consider policy manual updates

There are new policy manual updates. BOE members received copies of updates

to review prior to BOE meeting. (Policy modifications to previous policies.)

Motion to Approve Board Policy Updates: Amber **Second:** Bonnie

Yes: Amber, Ron, Bonnie, Holly, Dale, Julie, Sarah **No:** n/a **Abstain:** n/a

Absent: n/a

Motion Passed

- Consider holiday stipends

Motion to Give All District Employees a \$150 Gift Card to a Local Business:

Ron **Second:** Holly

Yes: Amber, Ron, Bonnie, Holly, Dale, Julie, Sarah **No:** n/a **Abstain:** n/a

Absent:

Motion Passed

- Other new business

* Dr. Rude will place another advertisement for the roof replacement project and the BOE may look at accepting bids at the January meeting. He said it is just too early for bids because of the changing prices in supplies.

* Dr. Rude reminded the BOE that the Districts energy contract is set to expire in January 2024. Current rate is \$0.06876/kwh. The best price on the market right now is \$0.099/kwh for 48 months. He is going to try and lock the district in at the rate. We all fear that rates will only go up and not down by January.

*Dr. Rude said the solar project is on track to begin construction in early 2025 and should be completed by the end of 2026 (as long as no delays). The District could possibly be seeing revenue from the project in 2028.

* Sarah asked BOE to turn in their Superintendent Review as soon as possible.

* Ron asked about cleaning up the attic. If the District needs any help, many of the BOE volunteered to help wherever needed.

:Motion to adjourn at 7:03pm: Bonnie **Second:** Holly

All present voted aye.

Sarah Brandt
President

Julie M. Lange
Secretary