

## **Excerpt from 10-26-2010 Board Business Meeting Minutes on Tax Levy & Budget**

Thompson and Winkelmann reviewed the open forums on budget and facilities held at the Beloit Public Library for board members. A few members of the community attended.

Everson moved approval of establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$15,267,600 (21.72%) for the 2010-11 school year and adopts the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Winkelmann for discussion.

Scharmer moved to extend the meeting to 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Members asked questions of Weise such as how the levy affects the tax payer. Members shared their thoughts on the tax levy.

Following a lengthy discussion, motion failed on a roll call vote 3-4 with Acomb, Johnson, Scharmer and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Winkelmann moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$12,542,720 (0%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Scharmer with the friendly amendment that some information has yet to be provided, therefore a separate meeting with as much time as is needed for determining use of fund balance or budget reductions.

Winkelmann accepted the friendly amendment. Motion failed on a roll call vote 2-5 with Acomb, Everson, Henderson, Johnson and Ramsdail voting in the negative.

Scharmer moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$10,000,000 (-20.27%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Everson moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$14,298,720 (14%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Ramsdail. Members asked what the affect would be on the tax payer at this amount of levy. Following discussion, the motion failed on a roll call vote 3-4 with Acomb, Johnson, Scharmer and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Acomb moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$12,795,720 (2%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Johnson moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$13,000,000 (3.65%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Acomb. Members discussed the affect to the tax payer as well as impact on a possible future referendum.

Johnson moved to extend the meeting until the board is done. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Members asked questions of Weise and provided thoughts on other options. Discussion pursued on using a deferment of the debt service fund to assist with the levy and budget. After lengthy

discussion, motion failed on a roll call vote 3-4 with Everson, Henderson, Scharmer and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Everson moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$13,483,424 (7.5%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Henderson. Additional discussion pursued on the affect on tax payers as well as use of debt service deferment. After lengthy discussion, the motion failed on a roll call vote 3-4 with Acomb, Johnson, Scharmer and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Acomb moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$12,542,720 (0%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Winkelmann with a friendly amendment to defer \$1,000,000 of the debt service fund. Acomb accepted the friendly amendment. Motion failed 3-4 with Everson, Henderson, Johnson and Ramsdail voting in the negative.

Henderson moved to lay on the table the establishment of the 2010 tax levy for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund until Friday, October 29. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-2 with Everson and Ramsdail voting in the negative.

Members agreed to meet at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.