

**Cardinal Local School District
Special Meeting
August 3, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Cardinal Board of Education held at 5:25 p.m. on August 3, 2016, was attended by Ken Klima, Wendy Anderson, Greg McClain, Linda Smallwood and Katie Thomas.

Treasurer's Report:

Resolution to the Voters for November 2016 - 4.5 Mill Additional Levy

Mr. Klima moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to approve the adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CARDINAL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES.

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2016, this Board adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to levy an additional 4.5-mill tax for the purpose of current expenses and requesting the Geauga County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional levy; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2016, the County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the District is \$304,044,780 and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that additional 4.5-mill levy would be \$1,368,202 annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Cardinal Local School District, Geauga and Trumbull Counties, Ohio, two-thirds of all of its members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Board of Education of the Cardinal Local School District within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this School District, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation at the rate of 4.5 mills for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time.

Section 2. The question of an additional 4.5-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2016, the proceeds of which levy first would be due and collected and made available to the School District in the calendar year 2017, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the Cardinal Local School District at an election to be held therein on November 8, 2016, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the School District as established by the Board of Elections of Geauga County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of that election as provided by law.

Section 4. The Treasurer be and is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution, together with the resolution adopted on July 13, 2016, referred to in the first preamble to this resolution and the related County Auditor's certificate, to the Board of Elections of Geauga County, Ohio, before the close of business on August 10, 2016.

Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Klima asked Ms. Knuckles to give an update to where we are at with this resolution and the next levy steps. Ms. Knuckles stated when we talked about the levy for the August ballot we also discussed the possibility of needing a levy on the November ballot if that August levy did not pass. Due to the timing of the deadlines for an issue to be placed on the November ballot, we had to approve the resolution to request the tax figures from the County Auditor at the July 13th meeting and we need to meet tonight to pass the resolution to take the levy to the

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voters in November. The deadline for the November ballot is August 10th, the day of our next meeting. We would not have been able to meet the time deadline after our meeting which is why a special meeting was required tonight.

Mr. Klima stated the levy may be on for life as people have said, but as more houses come in the amount paid by the current home owners will go down since it can only collect so much. Mr. McClain added it is important to note for those who voted previously, in 1992 and after HB920 came into effect, the growth potential for levies was eliminated. Previously as values increased the school received more money; now they can only receive the original amount of money levied. The state took away the tangible tax that helped schools and gave us the CAT tax which is not really helping schools. The governor has cut funding to schools and if a school needs money they need to go to the community. This levy is for the basic needs of the District to simply to pay the bills and provide education for our students. Mrs. Thomas stated there seemed to be some confusion on the tax value and asked Ms. Knuckles to explain. Ms. Knuckles explained there are two values on your tax bill, your appraised value which is what your home is worth and your assessed tax value which is what you are taxed on. You can sell your house for \$100,000 but you are only taxed on 35% of that value or \$35,000. The assessed value is multiplied by the voted mills to get your tax due; in this case 4.5 mills to see what your tax increase will be. Mr. McClain stated he recently had his house appraised for a value of \$210,000. 35% of that is \$73,000 times the 4.5 mills (.0045) of the requested levy is \$330 a year in taxes or \$27.50 a month. A good education is worth the cost.

Mrs. Thomas thought it was remarkable that we have not passed new operating money since 1992 and we are still operating. In 2011 we did not pass a new money levy and we had a reduction of eleven teachers and staff members. This demoralized the staff and the population. The loss of enrollment affects our state foundation monies. The loss of a school district will cause difficulty in selling homes. This is not an affluent community but we still have kids to educate. The funding of schools is still unconstitutional and the state does not seem to be too concerned about it. We have a high percentage of special education students because we take care of our kids. It is sad the parents are not supporting the levy for their kids. It is our role as board members to provide a good education for our community and education is not getting any cheaper. *Mrs. Anderson noted it is important to know the 4.5 mills is to keep us going; no frills, no excess spending. This is what is needed to provide the opportunity for our kids to get the best education they can right here. Every community is being hit with the same cost issues as we are. The governor is not on the side of public schools as he is pushing for charter schools which are failing miserably. Ms. Knuckles added charter schools are receiving \$5,900 per student from the District and we are only getting \$3,700 a student through foundation so we lose \$2,100 per kid. Mrs. Anderson stated local control of our schools is very important. Mr. Klima said the sad thing he ran across is folks not voting because they do not want to be pulled for jury duty. Bottom line is we need community support and parental support of our district.*

Roll call vote:

Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye

The Board thanked Barb Rayburn for all of her hard work on the levy campaign. Mrs. Rayburn will continue on with the next campaign in hopes of better results.

Executive Session:

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to retire to executive session for the purpose of discussion of the Treasurer's Evaluation.

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Motion Approved at: 5:45 P.M.
Time Retired: 5:50 P.M.
Time Returned from Executive Session: 7:00 P.M.

Roll call vote:

Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye

Adjournment:

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call vote: unanimous yes.

Kenneth Klima, President

Merry Lou Knuckles, Treasurer