

**SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #99
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
KENNEDY LIBRARY, JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL
999 NORTH STRONG AVENUE, SPRING VALLEY, IL 61362
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**



Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Agenda

1. **ROLL CALL** **7:01 pm**
Board of Education Members Present: Lindsay Ferrari, Tina Pienta, Jim Faletti, Lisa Ponce and Nickie Olson. Ted Urbanski, Korby Kasperski-Absent
2. **TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING-Drop the tax rate approximately .05**
3. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**
MOTION by Pienta seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education close Public Hearing.
Roll Call: Pienta, Ponce, Faletti, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.
4. **ADJOURNMENT** **7:03 pm**
MOTION by Pienta seconded by Faletti that the Board of Education adjourn the Public Hearing.
Roll Call: Pienta, Faletti, Ponce, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** **7:03 pm**
Board of Education Members Present:, Lindsay Ferrari, Tina Pienta, Jim Faletti, Lisa Ponce and Nickie Olson. Ted Urbanski, Korby Kasperski-Absent
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
MOTION by Ponce seconded by Pienta that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.
Roll Call: Ponce, Pienta, Faletti, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.
4. **INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS – 7th grade girls’ State basketball team & Dylan Kelley**
Members of the 7th grade Girls Basketball Team along with Dylan Kelley were honored for their accomplishments with a medal.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 6.1 **Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes**
 - 6.2 **Approval of the Financial Reports**
 - 6.3 **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report**
 - 6.4 **Approval of District Bills****MOTION by Ponce seconded by Pienta that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.**
Roll Call: Ponce, Pienta, Faletti, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

7. REPORTS, UPDATES & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 7.1 Cash Flow & Budget Watch** – Most of the taxes are in. there was a little drop in the Ed Fund.
- 7.2 Tax Objection Hearing** – I spoke last meeting in regards to the new owners of St. Margaret’s building attempting to drop their tax valuation from 2,012,003 to 66,660 and 103,965 to 6,333. IVCC President Morris and Mr. Brandt at Hall asked if we would join them in their protest and have Walt Zukowski assist, as he works with IVCC. I accepted their offer. Here is Walt’s update:
- 1. *The objector did not even have an appraisal so we argued that the prior appraisal should stand***
 - 2. *They likely will get some relief but nowhere near what they were asking for***
 - 3. *Official decision should be in a few weeks***
 - 4. *The fact that we were united (IVCC, Hall, SV99) and the objector was on the phone only definitely helped.***
***We also received a notice on the Carle Health building near the SV Nursing Home. Carle is a tax exempt organization and will pursue tax exempt status.
- 7.3 Assistant Principal’s Report** -Ryan presented a breakdown of the number of minors and majors, missing homework is the leading minor. Our 7th grade girls basketball team was runner-up in the IESA Class 2s state final. Also, Dylan Keely will represent JFK in January at the IMEA state choir competition in Peoria.
- 7.4 Principal’s Report**-We had 117 families attend Family Reading Night. Parent Teacher Conference were well attended; attendance was up a bit from the prior year. Mrs. Perra, Mrs. Toraason and Ms. Gillan all had 100% parent attendance. We did see a decrease in tardies for November and so far in December.
- 7.5 Superintendent’s Report** – The City received a \$600,000 grant for softball and baseball fields. Negotiating a 3 year lower electrical rate. And Tina Pienta has volunteered to organize a Meet & Greet with parents, community leaders etc. to welcome Julie.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Presentation and Approval of the 2024 Tax Levy for FY26**
MOTION by Ponce seconded by Olson that the Board of Education approve the 2024 Tax Levy for FY26.
Roll Call: Ponce, Olson, Faletti, Pienta and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Approve a Resolution Abating all of the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$4,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, of Spring Valley C.C.S.D. #99 \$100,000 Using Evidence Based Funding for the 2023-2024 Tax Levy for FY26**
MOTION by Pienta seconded by Faletti that the Board of Education Approve a Resolution Abating all of the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$4,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, of Spring Valley C.C.S.D. #99 \$100,000 Using Evidence Based Funding for the 2023-2024 Tax Levy for FY26
Roll Call: Pienta, Faletti, Ponce, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Review & Continue to Keep Closed Session Notes Confidential** –
MOTION by Ponce seconded Olson that the Board of Education review and continue to keep Closed Session Notes Confidential.
Roll Call: Ponce, Olson, Pienta, Faletti and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

8.4 Adopt District Goals –

MOTION by Faletti seconded by Pienta that the Board of Education adopt District Goals.

Roll Call: Faletti, Pienta, Ponce, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

8.5 Approve October Board Policy 117 Updates –

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Olson that the Board of Education approve October Board Policy 117 Updates.

Roll Call: Pienta, Olson, Faletti, Ponce and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

8.6 Approve Gym Usage Form – pending edit (custodial)

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Faletti that the Board of Education approve Gym Usage Form-pending edit(custodial).

Roll Call: Pienta, Faletti, Ponce, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

8.7 Approve District Facility Needs Assessment Planning –

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Faletti that the Board of Education approve District Facility Needs Assessment Planning.

Roll Call: Pienta, Faletti, Ponce, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Reference: 5 ILCS 120 (c) 1 & 14

7:41 pm

Motion by Pienta seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education go into Executive Session.

Roll Call: Pienta, Ponce, Faletti, Olson and Ferrari all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED: 7:43 pm

END CLOSED: 8:13 pm

10. ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

10.1 Approve Closed Session Minutes.

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education approve Closed Session Minutes.

All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

10.2 Accept Carol Flaherty's resignation with regret.

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Faletti that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Carol Flaherty.

All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

8:14 pm

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education adjourn the December 18, 2024 Board of Education Meeting,

All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Attest:

Theodore Urbanski, President

Tina Pienta, Secretary