

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Work Session, June 22, 2010

MEMORANDA

The Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation met in Work Session, for which proper notice had been given, at 5:00 p.m. prior to a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, in the Administration Center Room 136, located at 315 E. North Dr., Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Jeannine Butler, Keith Klein, Valerie Merriam, Jim Muehling, Lois Sabo-Skelton, Vicki Streiff and Sue Wanzer

Also present: John T. Coopman, Superintendent; Tim Thrasher, Comptroller; Don Lifto, Springsted, Inc.; Jim Shanahan, Shanahan and Shanahan; Jan Bergeson, Director of Secondary Education; Kathleen Hugo, Director of Special Education; Tina Peterson, FMCCS Executive Director; Sandy Steele, UniServ Director; Randy Tackett, AFSCME Officer; Donna Kinkead, Teacher; Eric Knox, Parent; and Andy Graham, Reporter for *The Herald-Times*.

Referendum Process:

Dr. Coopman introduced Dr. Don Lifto of Springsted, Inc. and Jim & Jimmy Shanahan of Shanahan & Shanahan. Dr. Coopman noted that the resolution is on the agenda for the Board meeting that follows this work session and that we can either approve it without levy or term and then have a special session next week on the 29th once the levy and term are established.

It was noted that in order to meet the City Council schedule, we will have to have a resolution with levy and term prior to July 6th.

Dr. Lifto discussed the survey process and the results which indicated public support exceeded expectations. 401 registered voters in the MCCSC district were surveyed from June 6 to 13. The voters were sampled randomly within measures to make sure it mirrored the local demographics. The survey and the results are included as part of the official record.

Mr. Thrasher noted that the average local property tax levy for schools would still be considerably lower than it was in 2008, even if a referendum in that range is proposed and passes. To keep the increase somewhere just under \$100 per year for the average Monroe County home, which is valued at \$156,000 would entail a request of 13 or 14 additional cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on the local property tax levy for the schools.

Mr. Shanahan noted that a referendum's maximum length is seven years. Once it expires, the levy would return to current levels unless a further referendum is passed. A referendum with a term of six years would put us in a regular election year where a seven year term could require a special election at the Corporation's expense.

The consensus of the Board was that the Board will do the short resolution at the regular meeting tonight and will be prepared with a resolution with levy and term on June 29th.

The work session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Jeannine Butler, President

Valerie Merriam, Vice President

Vicki Streiff, Secretary

Keith Klein, Assistant Secretary

Jim Muehling, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

Sue Wanzer, Member