

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT #38
LAKE COUNTY
INGLESIDE, IL 60041

TAX LEVY HEARING
Monday, December 17, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Big Hollow Middle School

Guests: Lawrence Fabin, Sue Maurer, Gail Smith, Tony Smith, Timothy Crabb, Sharon Crabb, Alexis Sterbenz

OFFICIAL MINUTES

- A. Call to Order: President Kueter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Roll Call: Christine Arndt called the roll with the following members answering “present” Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen. Administration Present: Dr. Christine Demory, Christine Arndt, Lenayn Janusz, Michelle Dzik, Susan Rice-Maurer
- D. Levy Presentation: Susan Rice-Maurer shared with the Board and audience amounts that were allotted for funds last year compared to this year. If the estimated equalized assessed property values are accurate, tax payers may expect a Big Hollow School Tax rate of \$3.71 on their June 2013 tax bill. However, once the finalized EAV is determined, which will be sometime in March/April 2013, the new tax rate will be determined. If the EAV drops lower than the current property value estimates, the tax rate will go up. If this happen, the District may abate the dollar amount requested for taxes in order to not exceed the 2012 tax rate of \$3.81.

The Bond amount has been reduced and the district is currently refinancing the bonds.

- E. Public Testimony/Board Comments: One of the audience members inquired why the District pays Social Security? Social Security is paid for support staff in the district (secretaries, maintenance, clerks, paraprofessionals).

Another audience member expressed concern for being taxed out of their home and are unable to sell their home due to the high taxes.

Dr. Demory shared that the goal of the District is to run the schools efficiently and effectively. The School Board does not want to exceed a school tax rate of \$3.81. All areas of school management are being analyzed for efficient and effective ways to reduce spending.

An audience member thanked Dr. Demory for trying to bring their taxes down.

Board member Gallichio asked what would be the difference between the \$3.71 and the \$3.81? The difference in a .10 tax rate can either raise or lower the dollar amount to the tax payer and/or the District. If the EAV drops, the tax rate will increase if the tax dollars levied are to remain the same as the 12-17-12 levy request. A drop of 10 million in EAV means an approximate .10 increase in the tax rate, which means an increase to the tax payer.

- F. Adjournment: A motion was made by Jim DeVito and seconded by Heather Janquart to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays. (7:28 p.m.).

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vickie Gallichio, Vivian Kueter,
Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

Vivian Kueter, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education

