

Act 1 Tax Study Commission Meeting
September 25, 2006

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by James Werkmeister, Facilitator, at 7:00 p.m. in the DeWitt Blank Conference Room.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Welcomes and Introductions of Commission Members

Members of the Committee introduced themselves.

Members present were: Ave Bacher, Larry Bridge, Michael Dennehy, Hemanth Kapoor, Steve Leonard, Neil Raine, and Rick Sabo. Members absent were: John Gottschalk and Robert Vislosky.

Also present were: Dr. James Manley, Superintendent, Dana Siford, Business Manager, Douglas McCausland, Director of Fiscal and Management Services, and Donna Stephenson, Community Resource.

Signatures of Willingness to Serve

Dr. Werkmeister asked all members to sign an authentication indicating their willingness to serve on the commission and verify that they are not related to any employee of the District.

Establishment of Guidelines/Practices for Operation

Dr. Werkmeister asked the commission members to establish some guidelines for operation. Discussion ensued.

Rules agreed upon were as follows:

1. A quorum must be present for all meetings for action to be taken.
2. A simple majority of members present is required for all actions.
3. Officers of Chairman and Secretary will be appointed.
4. Minutes will be maintained and published for public review.

Mr. Sabo was appointed the Secretary for meetings and Mr. Bridge would serve as the backup in the event that Mr. Sabo cannot be in attendance.

Calendar of Meeting Dates

Tentative meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Novemeber 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. (Public Hearing)

Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. (Final recommendations presented to School Board of Directors)

Review of Notebook/Resource Materials

Dr. Manley and Ms. Siford reviewed many of the materials and resources available to commission members.

Tax Study Mandatory Study Items

Dr. Werkmeister reviewed the Act 1 Mandatory Study Items with the members.

Review of Act 72 Study

Ms. Stephenson reviewed the Act 72 Study and findings for the Commission members. Discussion ensued regarding the data and analysis.

Public Comment

Mr. Dennis Sundo and Mr. Gary Deschamps made comments relating to the Commission's discussions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the DeWitt Blank Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,