



## **Glen Ellyn School District 41**

**Dr. Jack Barshinger, Superintendent**

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TRUTH IN TAXATION  
DECEMBER 19, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.  
CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICE, 793 N. MAIN ST., GLEN ELLYN  
MARY J. LUGINBILL BOARD ROOM**

- I. Call to Order: President John Vivoda called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Kevin Cosgrove, Terra Costa Howard, Debbie Hoffman, John Kenwood, John Marcheschi, Carol McElvain and John Vivoda.

II. 2005 Tax Levy Overview:

Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations gave a PowerPoint presentation on 2005 Tentative Tax Levy. He noted one change from the tentative levy that was presented at the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, which was that the District decided not to levy a tax for Life Safety purposes. The previous levy showed \$575,000 for Life Safety. In order to properly levy for the Life Safety, the District must show evidence that there be insufficient funds in the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Funds to complete the necessary work. The tax rate of the O&M Fund does have sufficient room this year, so the District has moved the \$575,000 from Life Safety into the levy for O & M. This adjustment has a zero impact on the levy totals as outlined below.

Mr. Monn explained that historically, the District has asked for the maximum amount of revenue because the figures on which the tax rate is based are unknown (EAV growth, new construction, etc.) This is referred to as a "Balloon Levy", where taxing bodies levy more than expected to account for unforeseen increases in EAV or New Construction. Mr. Monn explained that in order to make sure the District receives its legal tax rate, the 2005 tentative levy of \$34.1 million is approximately 15% more than last year's extension of \$29.6 million. District 41 actually expects \$31 million, an increase of approximately 5.42%. It

was noted that there are a number of opportunities for the board to make changes to the levy in the future; in December when the levy is scheduled to be adopted, in March when reallocation can take place and then finally in the budget. Mr. Monn reviewed the breakdown in each of the funds:

Education	\$28,023,226
O&M	\$3,000,000
Life Safety	\$575,000
Transportation	\$820,000
IMRF	\$425,000
Social Security	\$425,000
Special Education	\$229,000
Working Cash	\$325,000
Tort Immunity	\$325,000
Total	\$34,127,226

Next Steps: Notice of Adopted tax increase will be posted in the Daily Herald and Glen Ellyn News; the District will file the adopted Certificate of Tax Levy with the County Clerk; and, the District will adjust the Levy in March/April when the County Clerk updates the EAV and new construction.

**III. Public Testimony**

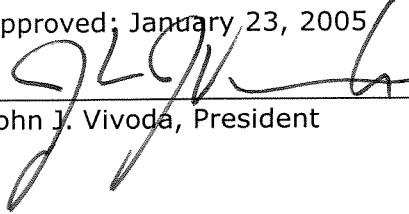
Resident Mary Ellen Walksler expressed to the Board of Education her continuing concern over past 8 months on taxes generated from the 2001 referendum phase in. She asked why the board not take full .55 increase in first year of referendum and suggested that such an action would have precluded misrepresentation to the District 41 taxpayers. She also asked why the majority of board did not feel a sense of moral and ethical responsibility to sit down and discuss this matter with those who have expressed a concern. Mrs. Walksler encouraged the board to make a decision to return 5 million dollars to Glen Ellyn taxpayers.

**IV. Adjournment:** There being no further public comment, Carol McElvain moved and Debbie Hoffman seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Recorded: December 19, 2005

  
Deborah M. Hoffman, Secretary

Approved: January 23, 2005

  
John J. Vivoda, President