

**HARTSBURG-EMDEN COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT # 21
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**Monday, December 18, 2023
6:45 P.M.**

Call to Order – Time: 6:50pm

Levy Hearing:

Roll Call:
Aper X Doolin X
Eeten absent Cross X
Cecil X Ballance 6:51 Phillips X

Motion by Cross to conduct the hearing for the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District # 21 Tax Levy 2023. Seconded by Cecil.

All in favor:
Yea 6
Nay 0

Presentation on the proposed Levy Hearing by Mr. Wisniewski

The proposal calls for a 4.99% increase. The estimated EAV is \$52,530,593 (estimated increase in value of 3.1992%) including \$0 in first time property or new construction. The estimated asking total tax rate will be 5.1063.

Recommend: The Board to adopt the proposed levy of \$2,599,234

- Call for Public Input

Motion to adjourn Levy Hearing Cecil. Seconded by Ballance.

Roll Call:
Eeten absent Aper X
Ballance X Cross X
Doolin X Cecil X Phillips X

Levy Hearing Adjourned: Time: 7:16pm

Regular Board Meeting: Time: 7:16

Roll Call:
Eeten absent Doolin X
Ballance X Cross X
Cecil X Aper X Phillips X

Introduction of Guests

Persons Wishing to Address the Board

Focus on Education

- Nichole Folkman→GS/HS Liberian

Attended conferences and explained how they went; felt great to represent Logan County; went on to speak at certain events; got to speak to the Lt. Gov.; Fall Book Fair and breakfast with buddies went well; described what chairs and clubs she is a part of; scholastic bowl is about to start and journalism classes have been good.

- John Robinson→Life Success Teacher

Finished 3rd year teaching @ Heartland; will be teaching course this summer; has raised \$6,500 as class sponsor; normal classes have been the same; ready for the challenge of next semester. Not much needed when it comes to tech wise.

Consent Agenda

- Approve minutes of the November 20, 2023 meeting
- Approve payment of payroll and monthly bills
 - Terry went over the bills, we got some new ones added on; all other bills are mostly routine
- Approve Activity Report
 - Biddy Ball→basketballs→ new ones? Legacy fund? Wanting 6, Terry promises 10
- Approve Financial Report
- Approve Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Agenda

Motion by Cecil to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ballance.

Roll Call:

Doolin <u>X</u>	Ballance <u>X</u>
Cecil <u>X</u>	Eeten <u>absent</u>
Cross <u>X</u>	Aper <u>X</u> Phillips <u>X</u>

Correspondence Received

- Terry showed Christmas cards from businesses we do with

Administrative Reports

- Principal’s Report
 - Terry presented the report while Cory was absent
- Superintendent’s Report
 - Met with Buschue, still attending local and out of town meetings; stepped down as voting member for ROE since he will not be there as often with the new job; GS and JH/HS concerts went well; Dr. note from Fred can come back to work on Jan. 8th; heating problems @ GS called Bill Everhart; breaker box arrived will need Bill’s help with that as well.

Old Business – Information

- Property Tax Levy

Old Business – Action

- Property Tax Levy

Property Tax Levy

Resolved by _____
{Board Secretary – Dirk Aper}

Be it resolved that the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District # 21, Logan and Tazewell Counties, shall adopt a 2023 levy in the amount of \$2,599,234.

Motion by __Cross_____ to adopt the resolution establishing the tax levy for 2023 and placing one copy in the minutes. The amount of the resolution shall be certified and returned to the County Clerks of Logan and Tazewell Counties on or before the last Tuesday in December 2023. Seconded by __Cecil_____.

Roll Call:

Eeten _absent__ Cecil _X__
 Ballance _X__ Cross _X__
 Aper _X__ Doolin _X__ Phillips _X__

New Business – Information

- a. Legislative Update
 - Some things going into law starting Jan. 1st; nothing to catch us off guard
- b. Ag Shop Addition Update
 - Board members had a look @ the Ag shop before the meeting; Thursday to have the ROE inspection; would like for it to be used 2nd semester and issue permit right away if things go well
- c. Board/Community Relations
 - Start adding side notes to te suggested motions, post them on Facebook as well.
- d. Employment & Resignations
 - McKenna werner → Assistant HS cheerleading coach
 - John Popper → letter of resgnation end of this year 23-24; interviews start in Feb.

Motion by __Cross_____ to enter into Closed Session . . . (state reason below). Seconded by __Ballance_____.

Closed Session under 5 ILCS 120/2c(9) Student disciplinary cases and under 5 ILCS 120/2c(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

Roll Call:

Cross _X__ Aper _X__
 Ballance _X__ Eeten _absent__
 Doolin _X__ Cecil _X__ Phillips _X__

Time entering into Closed Session: _8:14pm_____

{Closed Session}

Motion by __Doolin_____ to return to Open Session . . . Seconded by __Cecil_____.
 Time returning to Open Session: __8:34pm_____

Roll Call to resume to Open Session:

Cecil _____

Cross _____

Eeten absent_____

Doolin _____

Aper _____

Ballance _____

Phillips _____

New Business – Action

a. Employment & Resignations

Adjournment – Time: 8:37pm_____

Greg Phillips, President

Dirk Aper, Secretary

Suggested Motions

December 18, 2023

Motion by Cecil to approve **Mckenna Werner** as Unpaid/Volunteer Assistant High School Girl's Cheerleading Coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Seconded by Doolin.

Aper <u>X</u>	Eeten <u>absent</u>	
Cross <u>X</u>	Ballance <u>X</u>	
Cecil <u>X</u>	Doolin <u>X</u>	Phillips <u>X</u>

Motion by Cross to approve the Superintendent's acceptance of resignation of **Jon Popper** as Jr./Sr. High School Band/Choir Teacher. . Seconded by Cecil.

Roll Call:

Aper <u>X</u>	Eeten <u>absent</u>	
Cross <u>X</u>	Ballance <u>X</u>	
Cecil <u>X</u>	Doolin <u>X</u>	Phillips <u>X</u>

Motion by Cecil to adjourn. Seconded by Doolin.

All in favor:

Yea 6
Nay 0

Side Note:

Discussion of Board/Community Relations before we adjourn
Tour Ag Shop