

**Dist. 205 Board of Education**  
**Oct. 10, 2006**  
**7:30 pm – 10:00 pm**

**All Bd members present**  
**Lindberg left @ 9:00, Carlquist @ 9:45**  
**Public: 15 Staff: 5 Press: 1**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

**Recognition:** The Board recognized Mrs. Betty Jump, for service to the District for over 40 years. Mrs. Jump has been a substitute teacher in the District since 1965.

**Public Comment:** None

**Superintendent's Communications:**

A. Construction Report: Dr. Krizic introduced two scope changes to the Board. The first, at Sandburg, had apparently 3 different options (Observer did not receive back-up.) Option "B" would increase the cost of the addition by \$44,000. This is needed because the code requires that a Science Room be larger than a regular classroom. It was the Board's consensus to accept this scope change. The second scope change was for Churchville. Soil borings found that one area of the proposed location for the addition is unacceptable. The Board chose the second option that would increase the cost of this addition by \$450,000. The movement of the addition would give Churchville some flexibility in a multi-purpose room/lunchroom.

B. School Safety: Dr. Krizic reported to all Board members that all schools have submitted their crisis plans to her office. She is in the process of reviewing all for consistency. She has asked all Principals to review all open, unattended doors in their buildings and to stop Parents from escorting their students into the building. There is already a procedure for Parents entering the building and these procedures need to be followed. The District's insurance company will be doing a safety audit (at no District cost) of all District buildings.

**Workshop Discussion Topics:**

A. Presentation of FY06 Audit: Virchow Krause was the firm that performed the audit. Mr. John Rossi attended the Board meeting and answered any questions the Board had about the audit. The audit firm wrote: "...we were very favorably impressed by the professionalism and courtesy of the District's staff. In addition, the management of the District appears to be driven to establish and maintain the most efficient and effective policies and procedures while still maintaining proper control and approval."

B. Life Safety Funding: In the past, the District has been issuing Limited Tax Bonds for Life Safety and had proposed to continue to do so until fund balances were built to properly fund preventative maintenance. While the current additions are in the design phase, the architects, project manager, construction manager and maintenance manager met to review what possible items on the District's life safety project list could be "folded" into the current construction plans. \$1.5 million in work was identified that could be included in the upcoming construction. The State approval process for Life Safety amendments has become more time consuming and more restrictive. The District's Bond house and Counsel suggested that it could issue Limited Tax bonds as Working Cash Funds bonds instead of Life Safety Bonds. Working Cash Funds bonds would provide the District with more flexibility while allowing the same use for these funds. The Board felt that this would be a better approach to Limited Tax bonds rather than Life Safety bonds. Pat Palmere, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, will follow through with the paperwork for these bonds.

C. Presentation of 2006 Levy: Under the Tax Limitation Act, the District may receive an increase of the lesser of 5% or the CPI (Consumer Price Index) plus new construction. This year the CPI is 3.4%. Pat Palmere, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, presented the two different options for the levy. The first,

using an EAV (equalized assessed valuation) of 6% increase (2005's was 7.6%) and new growth of 2% (2005's was 2.41%), the allowable increase would be 5.58%. Using this increase, the tax rate would decrease to \$3.3109 from \$3.3241. The second projection, much more unlikely, is that the EAV would increase by 9% and new growth would be 3.5%. These figures would give an allowable increase of 7.27%, changing the tax rate to \$3.2713. The larger numbers will be prepared for the levy, but the community should expect the lower figures to be the true projections. The actual levy will come out of the County Clerk's office next spring and will be based on actual numbers.

**D. Performance Contracts:** Performance contracting was established under the School Code to renovate the most critical portions of a District's facilities based on life cycle costing. The systems are specifically defined to balance low cost up front with long term cost effectiveness. Dr. Krizic asked the Board if she and the staff should continue to look into this as a means of funding air conditioning at Bryan. The District would develop an RFP (Request for Proposal), analyze responses and contract with one company and pay an annual lease for the air conditioning. This may not be acceptable under the School Code, since Bryan does not currently have air conditioning, but it may be appropriate for replacement of the District's phone system which is old and in need of replacement. The Board asked Dr. Krizic to look into this further.

**E. Food Service Program:** Due to the late hour, this subject was deferred until the Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Superintendent's Agenda:** The Board approved:

- Acceptance of the FY06 Audit.
- Bid #07-24 for HVAC for \$860,000 and Bid #07-25 for electrical for \$477,950 at Field, Jefferson and Lincoln.
- The addition of a K-8 Special Education Supervisor to begin in the 2007-08 school year.

**Board Communications:** Mrs. Davy thanked Dr. Krizic for her letters she sent to the neighbors of those schools currently under construction.