

**NORTH MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
PRELIMINARY AND DETERMINATION HEARING  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

The North Montgomery Board of School Trustees met at the Central Administration Office, 480 West 580 North, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Representing the Administration was Superintendent Dr. Colleen Moran and Director of Business & Transportation, Jim McBee. Members present: Gary Bohlander, Jess Cain, Kathy Crawford, Teresa Hatke, Gerald Hole, Karin Odle, and Michael Shepherd.

**PRELIMINARY AND DETERMINATION HEARING**

Mrs. Odle called the hearing to order at 7:51 a.m.

President Karin Odle explained to the Board that under Indiana Code 6-1.-20-3.5 whenever a school corporation proposes to enter into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building resulting in costs in excess of \$10,000,000.00, the school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and enter into such lease agreement. This meeting represents the first of such hearings. Notice of both hearings was published in The Journal Review and the Paper on December 23, 2017, and was mailed to the Montgomery County Clerk and any organizations previously requesting such notice as provided in Indiana code 6-1.1-20-3.5. The proofs of publication of notice of the hearings were presented at the meeting.

Mrs. Odle explained that all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the proposed renovation of and improvements to Sugar Creek Elementary School, Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Lester B. Sommer Elementary School, Northridge Middle School and North Montgomery High School (the "Projects"). The purpose of this hearing was two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Projects; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Projects and ask questions.

**Presentation of the Proposed Renovation Projects**

Dr. Moran did not present renovations to the Board and estimated costs since this was done at the November 27, 2017 at the Board meeting and no new patrons were present at this meeting.

Mrs. Odle then announced that the Board would hear testimony and questions from the public. Board member, Mrs. Kathy Crawford had several questions in regards to the information about the AV/Levy/tax rates and how they would be impacted for the coming years. Mr. McBee explained in detail how the tax rates were portrayed in the spreadsheet previously presented and that these rates would be subject to change depending on the rates in later years that will be established. Mrs. Crawford asked if Ice Miller set the rates. Mr. McBee responded by saying that the rates will not be locked in since other variables like interest may change in the future. Mr. Bohlander made a comment that the interest rates could even be lower – just have to see what happens with the rates. Mrs. Crawford asked if the tax rates are all the same for the different townships. Mr. McBee explained that the tax rates are all the same for the North district, however, there are varying township taxes. Rates depend on what township a person resides.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hole gave a second to the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

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President, Board of School Trustees

  
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Secretary, Board of School Trustees