

**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124 BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PARKSIDE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011, 5:00 P.M.**

Present: Mark Lamboley, Cindy Gustat, Jim Renk

Others Present: Mark Cross

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Lamboley at 5:00 p.m.

- Mr. Cross presented the Finance Committee with a proposed tentative 2011 tax levy based on a net assessed valuation of \$184,000,000 and a resulting estimated tax rate range of approximately \$3.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The rate would be a result of a total levy of \$5,554,040, plus the amount required for debt service which is roughly \$60,000 for next year.
- Mr. Cross noted that after the sharp decrease of around 3.4 percent in assessed valuation last year, this year is flat and may be down just slightly. The resulting tax rate of about \$3.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation likely resulting from the proposed 2011 levy would be about two cents lower than the 2010 resulting tax rate of \$3.0704.
- The committee discussed in detail the amount necessary for the Municipal Retirement and Social Security levies, which are "as needed" funds. Mr. Cross noted that these funds typically cause the most fluctuation in the tax rate, which overall has remained very steady in recent years. Mr. Cross stated that the amounts recommended for each fund were also verified with the auditor.
- Mr. Cross stated that there once again is no property tax rate increase associated with the issuance of bonds for the construction of Parkside School, as the sales tax revenues continue to fully fund the debt service for the facility as planned. The Board of Education will once again abate the full amount of property taxes for payments on these bonds.
- After further discussion, the Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the Board of Education a tentative 2011 levy totaling \$5,554,040, excluding debt service, resulting in a total estimated tax rate of approximately \$3.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation when debt service is included. Mr. Cross pointed out that the final tax extension will likely result in actual revenues of just under \$5.5 million. The proposed levy will not require a Truth in Taxation Hearing, and will be presented at the November 16 Board of Education meeting. The final levy would then need to be approved at the December 14 Board of Education meeting.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Committee Chairman

Superintendent