



Yavapai College District Governing Board
FY 2015-2016 Truth in Taxation Special Meeting
In Accordance with A.R.S §15-1461.01(A)
Approved Minutes of Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2015
11:49 AM

Prescott Campus - Rock House
1100 E. Sheldon Street
Prescott, Arizona

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Members Present:

Dr. Patricia McCarver, Chair Mr. Steve Irwin, Secretary
Mr. Albert Filardo, Board Member Mr. Ray Sigafoos, Board Member
Ms. Deb McCasland, Board Member

Administration Present:

Dr. Penelope H. Wills, President Lynne Adams, Board Attorney
Other staff attending are on file in the District Office

1. Call to Order - PROCEDURAL

Chair McCarver called the FY 2015-2016 Truth in Taxation Special Meeting to order at 11:49 a.m. to consider the primary property tax levy as discussed at the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing, held immediately before this Special Meeting.

2. Roll Call to Consider the Increased Primary Property Tax Levy as Proposed at the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing - DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION

The Board members provided the following comments:

- Member Filardo does not want his opposition of the property tax increase to be interpreted as a lack of support of education. He sees the Arizona economy with flat inflation and enrollment trending down, the College has large reserves and would suggest that the College implement a strategic plan before spending.
- Member McCasland does not support the property tax increase for several reasons including the process to fund capital improvements without voters' approval. She also has received feedback from citizens and the Verde Valley Board Advisory Committee requesting the Board not approve the tax increase. Finally, Member McCasland suggests the College draw upon reserves in order to not increase taxes.
- Member Sigafoos reminded the Board and the public that the budget process began in January with continued discussion each month that included much public comments. Mr. Sigafoos also reminded the Board that this budget is based upon several plans including the Campus Master Plan. The Arizona law affords the Governing Board the responsibility to adopt an annual budget and determine the funding needs. Due to the proposed legislation that may threaten future funding, Mr. Sigafoos suggests that putting monies into contingencies is good fiscal stewardship.
- Member Irwin has collected input from both East and West tax payers that support the tax increase and recognize the value of the College.
- Chair McCarver referred to the Yavapai County owner survey which reported overwhelming support of the College's programs and service. Over the last year the Board has received many requests for more marketing, courses offered, etc. which several have been built into this budget under critical initiatives. The Board is responsible to set the environment for quality, affordable, and accessible education for all Yavapai County citizens.

Member Sigafoos moved, seconded by Member Irwin, that the Yavapai College District Governing Board approve the 2% increase in the primary property tax levy as advertised and presented during the public hearing.

Roll Call of the Yavapai College District Governing Board for approval of the primary property tax levy as advertised and presented during the public hearing:

Mr. Raymond Sigafoos, District 1 – Yes
Ms. Deb McCasland, District 2 - No
Mr. Albert Filardo, District 3 - No
Dr. Patricia McCarver, District 4 – Yes
Mr. Steve Irwin, District 5 - Yes

Motion carried with 3 Yes Votes and 2 No Votes

3. Adjournment - PROCEDURAL

Member Sigafoos moved, seconded by Member Filardo, that the Truth in Taxation Special Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Ms. Karen Jones, Recording Secretary

Date: August 10, 2015

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Dr. Patricia McCarver, Chair

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Mr. Steve Irwin, Secretary

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