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MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, held at the Unit #10 Administrative Annex, 123 W. Clay, Collinsville, Illinois, in said School District at 6:30 o'clock P.M., on the 18th day of December, 2023.

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The President called the meeting to order and directed the Secretary to call the roll.

Upon the roll being called, Gary Peccola, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location: Dennis Craft, Jennifer Hasamear, Vicki Reulecke, Jane Soehlke, Michele Stotts

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Jerre Bronkaver

The President announced that the Board of Education would next consider the adoption of a resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes to the voters of the District at the general primary election to be held on March 19, 2024.

Whereupon Member Soehlke presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

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RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024.

* * *

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "*School Board*") of Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois (the "*District*"), is presently authorized to levy a tax annually for operations and maintenance purposes at the rate of 0.50 percent upon all the taxable property of the District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue (the "*Department of Revenue*"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board does hereby find and determine that the existing tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes is not sufficient to provide funds to pay the cost of providing an efficient and adequate program to meet the educational needs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board hereby finds and determines that the need exists for increasing the present operations and maintenance tax rate of the District and establishing the same at 0.72 percent upon all the taxable property of the District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, before the School Board is authorized to levy taxes at an increased rate for operations and maintenance purposes, a proposition therefor must be submitted to the voters of the District as provided by Article 17 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on such proposition at an election to be held in and for the District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board hereby deems it advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the proposition of increasing said operations and maintenance tax rate and establishing the same at the rate of 0.72 percent be submitted to the voters of the District at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the School Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. That it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that in order for the District to maintain and operate an efficient system of schools the present annual tax rate of the District for operations and maintenance purposes be increased to 0.72 percent upon all the taxable property of the District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue.

Section 3. That the proposition hereinabove referred to shall be submitted to the voters of the District in accordance with the general election law at the general primary election to be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. of said day (the "*Election*").

Section 4. That the Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the County Boards (the "*County Boards*") of The Counties of Madison and St. Clair, Illinois (the "*Counties*"), for voters of the District at the Election.

Section 5. That the County Clerks of the Counties (together, the "*County Clerks*") shall give notice of the Election (the "*Notice*") in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at the principal offices of the County Clerks.

Section 6. That the Secretary of the School Board shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the District at least 10 days before the date of the Election.

Section 7. That it is hereby found and determined that the *Times-Tribune* is a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Election Code*").

Section 8. That the Notice shall appear over the names or titles of the County Clerks and shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the general primary election to be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Collinsville Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois:

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes for Collinsville Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 0.72 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 0.50 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?

- (a) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for operations and maintenance purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is \$4,911,936.
- (b) The approximate amount of taxes extendable for operations and maintenance purposes under the proposed increased rate is \$7,073,188.
- (c) The total dollar amount of expected revenues in the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is \$95,157,200; the total dollar amount of said revenues, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is \$97,318,452; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of expected revenues in the most recently approved annual budget of said School District, if such total dollar amount were increased

by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 2.3 percent.

- (d) The percentage of increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes is currently levied is 44.0 percent.

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this 20th day of December, 202~~2~~³.

County Clerk, The County of Madison, Illinois

Laura J. Kaemmerer - *Elec. Spkr.*

County Clerk, The County of St. Clair, Illinois

Section 9. That the ballot to be used at the Election shall be in substantially the following form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election:

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(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM ANNUAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TAX RATE

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)

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	NO	

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- (d) The percentage of increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes is currently levied is 44.0 percent.

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to increase the maximum annual operations and maintenance tax rate of Collinsville Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, at the general primary election held on March 19, 2024.

Precinct Number: _____

Polling Place: _____

(Facsimile Signature)
County Clerk of The County of Madison, Illinois

(Facsimile Signature)
County Clerk of The County of St. Clair, Illinois

Section 10. That the Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Boards to act in the precincts at which said proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District.

Section 11. That after the adoption hereof and not less than 68 days prior to the date of the Election, the Secretary of the School Board shall certify a copy hereof to the County Clerks in order that the proposition set forth herein may be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

Section 12. That the Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the general election law.

Section 13. That if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 14. That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted December 18, 2023.



President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education

Member Soehlke moved and Member CRAFT

seconded the motion that said resolution as presented be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Peccola, CRAFT,
Hasamear, Reulecke, Stitts, Soehlke

and the following members voted NAY: NONE

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted and did sign and approve the same in open meeting and did direct the Secretary to record the same in the records of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

James Soehlke
Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF MADISON)

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION AND MINUTES

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education (the "School Board") of Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois (the "District"), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the School Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete transcript of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the School Board held on the 18th day of December, 2023, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

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a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the School Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the principal office of the School Board and at the location where said meeting was held at least 72 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the School Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Codes and with all of the procedural rules of the School Board.

I do further certify that the geographic or common name of the District by which the District is commonly known and referred to is Collinsville Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

There is hereby certified to the County Clerks of The Counties of Madison and St. Clair, Illinois, for submitting to the voters of the District at the general primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024, the proposition set forth in said resolution, which said resolution was duly adopted by the School Board on the 18th day of December, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 18th day of December, 2023.

Handwritten signature of Gabe Soehle in cursive script.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF MADISON)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Madison, Illinois (the "*County*"), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the ____ day of _____, 20__, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the existing tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes to the voters of Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024.

duly adopted by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 10, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, on the 18th day of December, 2023, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That included in said certification were the form of the public question (the "*Question*") to be placed on the ballot at the general primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024 (the "*Election*"), and the date on which the Question was initiated by the adoption of said resolution.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election (the "*Notice*") will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in the *Times-Tribune*, the same being a

local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election, as set forth in Section 5 of said resolution, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth in Section 8 of said resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County,
this ____ day of _____, 20__.

(SEAL)

County Clerk of The County of Madison, Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of St. Clair, Illinois (the "County"), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the 20th day of December, 2023, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a resolution entitled:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County,
this 20th day of December, 2023

Laura A. Kummer, Election
County Clerk of The County of St. Clair, Illinois *Spw.*

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