

**School Board Meeting:**

**September 21, 2009**

**Subject:**

**2010 Preliminary Tax Levy**

**Presenter:**

**Chuck Klaassen**

**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Recommend board approval

**DESCRIPTION:**

By September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year the Board of Education must pass its preliminary certified tax levy for the following year. The data for this is received from the State of Minnesota. Final adoption of the tax levy will take place in December.

In the past the District has passed a resolution similar to the one below. Because we will not be having a board meeting until after final data is received from the state, I am asking for the Board to pass a resolution certifying the "Maximum" allowable. No doubt there will be a half dozen or more changes made by the Department of Education between now and the final version. That is why we have passed the blanket resolution in the past.

The following resolution therefore should be approved.

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\_\_\_\_\_seconded

to certify the Maximum allowable levy for pay 2010 as provided by the Department of Education.

The Board also needs to set the date, time and location for the Payable 2010 tax levy discussion that has taken the place of the previously required Truth in Taxation public hearing. This discussion will cover the Payable 2010 tax levy and include an overview of the 2009-10 school district budget as required by the newly revised law. It will include a presentation of the tax levy and budget information and a time for public comments and questions.

Rather than a separate public hearing, the tax information is now to be covered at a regular meeting of the Board. Since the meeting times are limited by law to dates between November 25 and December 26, we have scheduled our presentation for the December 14 regular Board of Education meeting. The meeting that evening is scheduled for Phoenix Learning Center, so the Board may want to consider a venue change to the regular Discovery board room. The presentation would be made at the beginning of the agenda (7:00 p.m.) that evening with the required public comment/question period immediately following the presentation. The Board needs to take action to set this date/time/location and have it published in the minutes of this meeting.