

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
Service Center, 415 Airdustrial Way S.W., Olympia, WA 98501

January 10, 2001

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Mah, Vice-President; Ken Bragg; Bill Lawrence; Peggy Meyer (via teleconference); Janelle Williams (via teleconference)

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Art Blauvelt

STAFF PRESENT: Gwen Culp; Thelma Kruse; Art Wuerth

Vice-President Mah called the special meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

The agenda item is ministerial determination of the 2000 tax levy rate for 2001 collection.

The levy rate for the 2001 property tax collection was not set at the Board meeting on December 20, 2000 because final assessed value information was not available. At the December 20, 2000 meeting, the Board adopted resolutions to establish a new "limit factor" of 3.32% for the 2000 regular tax levy for 2001 collection based on a finding of "substantial need"; increase the 2000 regular tax levy for 2001 collection by \$354,616 from what was levied the previous year; certify the 2000 regular tax levy amount for 2001 collection at \$11,347,569 (a mathematical calculation of the previous year's levy plus new construction plus state assessed properties plus the \$354,616 increase); and adopt the 2001 budget. Final assessed valuations are now available and a uniform levy rate for the intercounty library district can be determined at this time.

The 2000 final total assessed valuation of Timberland Regional Library is \$22,592,680,882. The mathematical calculation to determine the 2000 regular tax levy rate for 2001 collection is the lesser of (a) the dollar amount of the certified levy divided by the assessed value times 1,000 or (b) the statutory maximum dollar rate. The result is that Timberland Regional Library's 2000 regular tax levy rate for 2001 collection is \$.50 per \$1,000 assessed value.

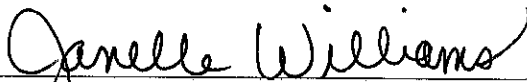
Mr. Wuerth explained that TRL is unlike most taxing districts because we are larger than individual counties. Usually the county assessors calculate the levy rate, but since we need to collect assessed valuations from five counties, the Board needs to do the mathematical calculation of the levy rate. He will have the TRL couriers hand deliver the packets to the counties tomorrow. Mr. Wuerth explained how he made the calculation. The Board's role is to make a motion that the calculation has been done correctly.

01-01 BILL LAWRENCE MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 01-01
CERTIFYING THE MINISTERIAL CALCULATION OF THE LEVY RATE
FOR THE 2000 REGULAR TAX LEVY FOR 2001 COLLECTION; PEGGY
MEYER SECONDED THE MOTION.


Mr. Bragg said, at the December 20, 2000 meeting, that there was an IPD budget, an IPD levy and a substantial needs levy. He asked if these numbers have changed and, if so, what the changes are. Mr. Wuerth explained the numbers have dropped. When the Board set the levy, it was set on the preliminary assessed evaluation figures provided by the counties, and since then the counties have provided final assessed valuation numbers which are lower. Ms. Kruse added that Mr. Wuerth explained to her earlier today that he does not put in the budget the maximum amount we can get because we never collect it all due to people not paying their taxes on time. Mr. Wuerth said the budget does not change. He checked the amount we would collect with the final numbers to make sure it is within the range of the collection ratio that we have historically collected, and it is. The original substantial needs request based on the preliminary valuations which the Board has already set was \$68,345. If we could have set a levy based on the final numbers rather than the preliminary numbers, the substantial needs request would have been \$21,118.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



President



Secretary