



HUBER HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Huber Heights Board of Education Objects to TIF

April 30th, 2018 – The Huber Heights Board of Education is objecting to the creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District proposed by The City of Huber Heights. The TIF is related to areas including Lexington Place, Quail Ridge, and other locations within and adjacent to Chambersburg Road and Fishburg Road West of State Route 202 to the corporate limits of Huber Heights.

The City of Huber Heights wants the TIF to support a new residential development consisting of about 59 acres and 225 new single-family units. The City of Huber Heights also wants to redirect taxes to fund public improvements within and adjoining the district.

TIF Districts with residential components place a strain on the Board's ability to provide Huber Heights students with a quality education since the revenue is redirected. The Huber Heights Board of Education will honor the taxpayers and constituents of Huber Heights City Schools by using levy proceeds as the voters intended. The Board's primary concern and ultimate responsibility is Huber Heights students.

The Board provided further commentary about the proposed TIF during April's special Board meeting. While discussing the resolution, Board member Tony Cochran said, "While the city council would be in their legal rights to pass that legislation, that doesn't make it the right thing to do. It's an example of government overreach."

Board member Mike Miller added during the April special meeting, “This is not something that is profitable to both the city and school. It masquerades as the city trying to help the schools, but really they’re just reaching in their own pockets and trying to reach in ours at the same time.”

There is a possibility of the Board supporting the creation of the TIF. That would happen if the TIF is arranged to make the School District whole or the School District receives 100% of any service payments due for the full term of any authorized TIF.

Board members hammered home the TIF needing to make the School District whole during the April special Board meeting. “It is all about our students. It’s all about being whole. Being whole includes everything: every piece, every inch, every student in this body, and 100% of what is needed to do this is what we’re asking from them,” said Board member William Harris.

Board member Mark Combs echoed Harris’ comments. Combs said, “If we did anything else, this is going to take from the students and our ability to serve them, especially the new students that we would get from that growth so we need 100% of it.”

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