

Mr. Biggs introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-142

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A MOTION TO INTERVENE

The Administration recommends approval of a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A MOTION TO INTERVENE, ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD CASES CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR LOCATION OF SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES WHEREAS, the Preble Shawnee Local School District, County of Preble, Ohio (hereinafter called the "District") is responsible for providing safe, effective learning environments and a challenging curriculum to prepare its students for success;

and WHEREAS, real property taxes constitute a significant portion of the District's revenues necessary to support its educational mission;

and WHEREAS, the District has a real and substantial interest in preserving the real property tax base so that it can continue to provide outstanding service to its students, parents, and the community;

and WHEREAS, Open Road Renewables, LLC, has filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) seeking authority to construct a solar electric generation facility within Preble Shawnee Local School District's boundaries, totaling approximately 355 acres (OPSB Case No. 18-1578-EL-BGN);

and WHEREAS, under Ohio Revised Code, qualifying facilities, including solar electric generation facilities, can qualify for real property tax exemption and payments in lieu of taxes to certain local taxing units;

and WHEREAS, among the criteria for approval of such facilities considered by the OPSB is whether the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

and WHEREAS, parties having an interest in an application before the OPSB may move to intervene in the proceedings;

and WHEREAS, at this time, the Board of Education believes it is in the District's interest to intervene in the OPSB proceedings considering the applications submitted on behalf of Open Road Renewables within the District's boundaries, so that the District will have the opportunity to participate in the process and learn more about the facilities' potential impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education, that after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby finds that it has a real and substantial interest in the siting of the solar electric generation facilities applied for by Open Road Renewables within the

District's boundaries, and in the consequent potential for real property tax exemption and payments in lieu of taxes from those facilities.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent and Treasurer to take such actions as are necessary to cause a motion to intervene to be filed with the OPSB on the District's behalf, and to cause further filings and appearances to be made before the OPSB as are necessary to represent the District's interests in the OPSB's consideration of the applications.

Section 3. This Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, O.R.C.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education, which may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution.

Mr. Wood seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

The resolution passed and was adopted on April 11, 2019.