



July 17, 2017

Student Learning and Support Services

Tentative budget now on public display

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Nelson Gray provided an overview of the tentative budget. He explained that a new Revenue Bill and the 2017-2018 State Budget Bill recently passed, ending the two-year State budget drought in Illinois. However, the new personal and corporate income taxes will initially only fill in behind the funding/spending gap of the 2017-2018 State Budget. With \$15 billion of unpaid state bills and debt, the payment of outstanding payments owed and any near future State funding obligations may take a while to be funded. Further, the new proposed State Funding Formula Bill has not been approved. Until the State Funding Formula Bill is passed, funding for school districts will likely be delayed, along with any proposed new dollars based upon the Evidence Based Funding model. It is possible the state will continue to make the General State Aid (GSA) payments to school districts. The state funding assumptions are still subject to change as the state legislative landscape continues to evolve.

From the local level, the two factors that impact the Levy are new property and Consumer Price Index (CPI). The district projected a maximum of \$30 million in new property. The CPI used for the December 2016 Levy is 0.7%, for taxes collected in the 2017 calendar year. The increase in local property taxes for the FY 2017-2018, without new property EAV growth, will be 0.7% over the prior year. Future increase in property taxes income past FY 2018 is in jeopardy due to the potential property tax freeze legislation at the state level.

Further, student instructional fees were adjusted to be the same amount by grade level for all sites in the district and were also adjusted to account for the 3.99% RevTrak transaction fee.

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Transportation fees have also been updated to be a “balanced cost” of \$300 per rider.

This year’s proposed budget projects over \$93 million in revenue for next school year. This includes revenues from local taxes, state funding and federal funding.

The Board formally approved the tentative budget will be available for public review at the district office, public library and at each school office when school is in session, August 21. The Board is expected to adopt the final budget on September 18. A copy of the tentative budget can be accessed [here](#).

Approval of annual agenda

The Board of Education approved its annual agenda which outlines key agenda items as well as Board development activities scheduled for the 2017-2018 school year.

The agenda can be found on the District 62 [website](#).

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Personnel Report

The Board of Education approved the hiring of Ania Figueroa as the interim principal of Forest Elementary School.



Figueroa replaces principal Dr. Leah Kimmelman who took an administrative position in North Shore District 112.

No stranger to District 62, Figueroa most recently served as an English Learning Learner Coordinator.

She began her teaching career at Forest School in 2004 as a first grade bilingual teacher after graduating from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Bachelors in Elementary Education with a concentration in Psychology and Bilingual Education/English as a Second Language endorsements. Seven years later, she completed her Masters Degree in Special Education at the University of Illinois Chicago. In 2013, Figueroa received her Education Specialist Degree in Administration and Supervision from National Louis University.

Figueroa is set to begin August 1.

District 62 Administration

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Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Paul Hertel, *Associate Superintendent for Human Resources*

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Kristan Krupinski, *Student Services Coordinator*

Stacy LaMarca, *Student Services Coordinator*

Rose Slivka, *Student Services Coordinator*

Mark Moser, *Physical Education Coordinator*

“I am extremely honored and excited to have the opportunity to come back to Forest School, which has always been home to me,” said Figueroa. “I look forward to working alongside the dedicated staff and parent community in order to provide our students with the best opportunities for learning.”

In addition, the Board of Education approved the hiring of Student Services Coordinator Erica Cupuro.

“I look forward to my new position as student services coordinator,” said Cupuro. “I have had the pleasure of being part of the District 62 community as a student, parent, and staff member and know that I am surrounded by knowledgeable, forward-thinking people who are doing their best to create safe, meaningful, and rigorous learning environments for all students.”



Cupuro has been with the district for over 20 years. Previous roles have included building psychologist, psychology department chair, and curriculum coordinator. She earned a Bachelor’s degree followed by a Specialist’s degree in School Psychology from Illinois State University. After working for 10 years, she completed her administration certification in Educational Leadership from National Louis University, and most recently received an endorsement for Director of Special Education from Aurora University.

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Williams shared his July Superintendent report which can be accessed [here](#).