



December 18, 2017

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Finance Liaison Ronald Burton called the hearing to order. He opened the hearing by reminding attendees that the 2017 tax levy is the focus of the hearing and provides the public time to comment. A legal hearing notice was published in the Des Plaines Journal the week of December 4, 2017.

The Board of Education will again not be levying at the former maximum rate of \$3.50 in the Education Fund, or the \$.55 in the Operations and Maintenance Fund for the 2017 levy. This is due to the Cook County tax cap, the December 2016 CPI-U of 2.1%, growth in equalized assessed valuation and the need to distribute the capped total levy among all the District Funds so that expenses are accounted for and to ensure the District is in compliance with the Board's Fund Balance Policy. The proposed levy amounts for all Funds, in addition to other annual revenue, are projected to account for the expenditures during the 2018-2019 school year.

The total levy request for 2017 is \$69.9 million, which reflects an increase of approximately 1.88% for New Property and 2.10% for CPI-U, for a total of 3.98% over the 2016 tax extension. The estimated 2017 total tax rate for District 62 is \$3.982. The 2016 total tax rate was \$3.921.

While the Board of Education recognizes the fact that the District's financial outlook is strong, it should be noted that the tax cap in Cook County, PTAB's (property tax refunds), the state economy, collective bargaining agreements and various pieces of legislation that may or may not be considered, will continue to pose financial challenges in the years ahead. District 62 continues to try to adhere to its Financial Planning Policy, which continues to guide administration related budgeting and expenditures. The Board of Education will continue to strive to provide the best educational programming it can for our children given the resources available and the current economic environment we are currently living in.

After hearing no public comment, the hearing was closed.

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Presentations/Recognitions

Iroquois Community School Apple Distinguished School Achievement

Dr. Michael Amadei and representatives from Iroquois Community School shared a presentation regarding the school's recent recognition as an Apple Distinguished School for 2017–2019 for its visionary and unique approach through digital literacy.



Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence that use technology to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. They showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching, and the school environment and have documented results of academic accomplishment.



Priorities for learning and teaching are creating students who are future ready. Digital citizenship, literacy and design thinking are core focuses at Iroquois. Students are participating in the maker movement through various opportunities in our makerspace and within individual classrooms and content areas.

The iBook “The Warrior Way-Iroquois Community School” can be accessed at www.itunes.com/AppleDistinguishedSchools.

Student Learning and Support Services

Adoption of Levy Resolutions for 2017 Tax Year

The following resolutions for the 2017 tax year were adopted:

- Special Education Fund Resolution
- Working Cash Resolution
- Working Cash Fund Certificate of Levy
- Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Fund Levies
- Certification of Compliance with the Truth-in Taxation Act

District 62 Administration

Dr. Paul Hertel

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Nelson W. Gray, Assistant

Superintendent of Business Services

Adam Denenberg

Chief Technology Officer

Laura Sangroula, Assistant

Superintendent for Instructional Services

Dr. Ellen Swanson,

Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Victorene King, Director

of Strategic Initiatives and Accountability

Milagros Bravo, Director

for Second Language Learners' Programs

Jennifer Tempest Bova,

Director of Community Relations

Michael Vilendrer, Director

of Operations, Maintenance and Transportation

Margarite Beniaris, Director

of Student Services

Christina Bowman,

Curriculum Coordinator

Sheleen DeLockery,

Curriculum Coordinator

Elizabeth Juskiewicz, ELL

Coordinator

Carlos Rojas, ELL Coordinator

Erica Tae, ELL Coordinator

Erica Cupuro, Student Services

Coordinator

Kristan Krupinski, Student

Services Coordinator

Stacy LaMarca, Student

Services Coordinator

Rose Slivka, Student Services

Coordinator,

Mark Moser, Physical

Education Coordinator

- Adoption of the 2017 Certificate of Tax Levy
- Truth-in Taxation Compliance Certificate
- Truth-in Taxation Secretary Certificate

10-Year Life Safety Survey Reports

The State of Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/2-3.12 requires a licensed architect or engineer to survey school district buildings every 10 years to identify any safety issues. The architect or engineer must then report the findings of the survey to the School Board and file a Life Safety Application and supporting documents to ISBE through the IWAS System.

Craig Siepka from Wight & Company, the District’s architect of record, performed this review during the 2016 – 2017 school year. The application for filing the survey was submitted by Mr. Siepka on September 22, 2017. The Safety Surveys found no issues to report in any of the District’s buildings. The buildings meet all current applicable building and safety codes.

The complete Dashboard can be accessed [here](#).

Consent Agenda

Approval of Personnel Report



Mark Bertolozzi was named the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at the December 18 Board of Education Meeting.

Bertolozzi is no stranger to District 62 having attended school there as a child.

“As a graduate of District 62, I am really excited to have the opportunity to contribute to the district in which I was once a student,” said Bertolozzi.

The Assistant Superintendent for Business Services is responsible for overseeing the financial and business operations. Oversight includes financial planning, budgeting, purchasing, facilities, fiscal accounting, financial reporting, grants, insurance, transportation, food services, warehousing, and accounts payable.

Bertolozzi will replace Nelson Gray who will retire at the end of the school year.

Bertolozzi has many years of experience in the business field and in education. Over the last five years, he has served as the Chief Financial Officer of McHenry Community Consolidated School District 15. Prior to his tenure in McHenry, Bertolozzi was the Business Manager at Wood Dale School District 7 for five years. He is presently serving a three-year term as a director on the state board of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials.

“We are very excited to have Mark Bertolozzi join the team in District 62,” said Interim Superintendent Dr. Paul Hertel. “Mark brings extended experience to the district having worked in multiple school districts as well as serving on the IASBO Board. All these qualities will benefit District 62 and our students.”

Bertolozzi is set to begin July 1.

Communications

Board of Education

Sharon Lynch announced that the District 62 Education Foundation will host its first Chess Tournament beginning at 9 a.m., on January 20 at Iroquois Community School. The event is open to the community and cost will be \$5.

In addition, she shared that the Foundation will hold its annual benefit on March 9.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Hertel began his report by sharing that he attended a plaque dedication at Orchard Place honoring Arturo and Marco Quintero, two students who passed away this summer. Arturo was a sophomore at Maine West and Marco was a student at Algonquin. Both attended Orchard Place. The plaque was presented by the school's Student Council Leadership to their mother and four-year-old brother. In memory of Arturo and Marco, OP will create a Quintero Award that will be given out to fifth graders to honor students that are respectful, responsible, and also maintain a good sense of humor.



The district held its Substitute Fair on December 18. Principals Dr. Michael Amadei and Dr. Bradley Stein organized the event and shared that there were about 30 people in attendance. Just over 20 people were hired as substitutes. The event was well-received with the hope that another substitute fair will be held again in the future. An orientation for substitutes will be held on January 10 at Terrace Elementary School.

Tax Levy Comparison 2012-2017 Dashboard Report

Assistant Superintendent Nelson Gray provided the Board with a 2016-2017 financial comparison. In Illinois and Cook County, District 62 is considered a very large K-8 district based upon the total Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) and the Average Daily Attendance (ADA). District 62 continues to have a relatively low tax rate, which is offset by a higher EAV base. These factors allow the district to maximize its dollars available to educate our students with a lower burden on the pool of taxpayers.

Strategic Plan

Dr. Hertel provided the Board of Education with an update regarding the district's Strategic Plan process which will be facilitated by the Consortium for Educational Change (CEC). Dr. Hertel anticipates that a total of 50 people will participate in the plan that will include staff, parents, community members and students. The intent is to begin the process in January with a proposed three to five-year plan being presented to the Board of Education for approval in June.