



December 19, 2022

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Finance Liaison Stephanie Duckmann called the hearing to order. She opened the hearing by reminding attendees that the 2022 tax levy is the focus of the hearing and provided the public time to comment. A legal hearing notice was published in the Des Plaines Journal December 7 and 8.

The proposed levy amounts for all funds, in addition to other annual revenue, are projected to account for the expenditures during the 2023-2024 school year. The total levy request for 2022 is \$87,709,000 which reflects an increase of approximately 3.95% for New Property and 5.0% for CPI-U, for a total increase of 8.95% over the 2021 tax extension. The estimated 2022 total tax rate for District 62 is \$4.933 per \$100 of taxable value. The 2021 total tax rate was \$4.063 per \$100 of taxable value.

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. With the continued support of our community, we hope to maintain high standards, as we continue to prepare our students to become productive and responsible citizens.

There are three main components to calculating tax extension. CPI, which is known, and EAV and new construction, which are not. The 2022 tax levy projects \$70 million in new construction due to the large projects being completed in district. New construction was \$28.5 million two years ago and \$82.2 million last year. Projections and actuals can vary

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greatly as we don't know when new properties hit the tax rolls, nor do we know their EAV. The district needs to over-estimate to collect all tax dollars available. The new construction accounts for 3.95% of the 8.95% increase. It's important to note that existing taxpayers will see an approximate increase of 5.0%. Given CPI of 7.0%, and the cap of 5.0%, if new construction were the same as a typical year, the total extension for 2022 would increase by about 5.95% to approximately \$85.3 million. The 2021 extension was \$80.5 million. Last year, it was estimated at the levy hearing that the actual dollars received on the levy would be about \$80.3 million, the actual amount received was \$80.5 million. The Board of Education is abating the 2022 Debt Service Fund Levy, which is estimated to be \$8.351 million, which is approximately a 9.8% savings to the current taxpayers.

Student Learning and Support Services Update

Strategic Plan Goal Monitoring: Orchard Place and Plainfield Elementary Schools



Principal Jennifer Suarez Bautista shared an update on behalf of Orchard Place Elementary School while Principal Dr. Lisa Carlos shared an update on behalf of Plainfield Elementary School. Their presentations centered on how their schools are focused on all five goals of the District 62

Strategic Plan. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Review of School Improvement Plans and Approval of Algonquin School Improvement Plan

The accompanying School Improvement Plans, prepared by principals, assistant principals and teacher leaders at every school site, are in effect for the 2022-2023 school year. Below, please find descriptions of the contents of each school's plan:

- The School Improvement Plans align with the district's Strategic Plan.
- Each plan includes measurable goals in three key areas: student academic learning, student social-emotional well-being and student school transitions.

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- Each goal area includes actionable steps that schools are taking to meet their goals.
- Principals and assistant principals review progress on their goals and action steps with school staff during building meetings and team leader meetings.

While all school's School Improvement Plans are included for the Board of Education's review, as a requirement of the Title I 1003 (e) school improvement grant that Algonquin Middle School will be applying for due to its previous status as a "targeted support," it is requested that the Board of Education approve Algonquin Middle School's 2022-2023 School Improvement Plan as such. Please recall that Algonquin Middle School is no longer designated as a "targeted support" and is instead now designated as a "commendable school." However, due to that previous designation Algonquin is granted one more year to apply for the Title I 1003 (e) school improvement grant to support the school's continued success.

Adoption of Levy Resolutions for 2022 Tax Year

The Board of Education adopted levy resolutions for the 2022 tax year. The amount of taxes to be levied for the year 2022, to be levied against estimated 2023-2024 fund budget totals as represented during the Truth in Taxation hearing, is as follows:

- Educational Purposes: \$64,789,000
- Special Education Purposes: \$4,700,000
- Tort Immunity Purposes: \$729,000
- Operations & Maintenance Purposes: \$9,900,000
- Transportation Purposes: \$3,500,000
- IMRF Purposes: \$1,600,000
- Social Security Purposes: \$1,600,000
- Life Safety Purposes: \$1,000
- Working Cash Purposes: \$890,000
- Bond & Interest Purposes: 0
- Total: **\$87,709,000**

Communications

Board of Education

Board President Burton congratulated Member Jeanette Weller for completing her Masters Degree. Vice-President Beth Morley recognized a former teacher who donated \$6,000 to the [District 62 Foundation](#). The Foundation is extremely appreciative of this act of generosity.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei thanked the Board of Education for their time at the Triple I Conference. Dr. Amadei and local superintendents are partnering with the National Weather Service this year. They held a meeting this week in anticipation of the inclement weather that is expected at the end of this week. In addition, Dr. Amadei recognized the Des Plaines Youth Commission. This fall, the Commission held a Community



Appreciation Night that many principals attended. Dr. Amadei brought a poster to the meeting that D62 students created as part of that evening. Dr. Amadei also enjoyed taking Board Member Massa around the schools last week and invites other board members to visit at their convenience.

Tax Levy Comparison 2017-2022 Dashboard Report

The district benefits from having a large Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) base, which in recent years has seen a shift of more tax burden to the residential properties from the commercial/industrial properties. Over the past ten years, CPI has averaged 2.15%, which is down from the 2.5% 30-year average. The district is capped at 5% levy growth with 2021 CPI at 7%. In 2022, CPI is trending over 6%, so District 62 will likely be capped again next year. The base EAV was higher in 2019 as Cook County performed its triennial reassessment for suburban properties located in northern half of the county. The EAV for district 62 has been approximately \$1.75 billion during the last assessment period from 2016-2018. With the 2019 reassessment, EAV in District 62 went up 18.5% to over \$2 billion, this had the effect of reducing the tax rate from about \$4.00 per \$100 of taxable value to approximately \$3.50 per \$100 of taxable value. EAV is down 3.75% in the district between 2020 and 2021. Another, perhaps larger, decrease is expected from 2021 to 2022. While FY2021 CPI is the highest in many years, the district will need to continue monitoring its revenues. There is still a possibility of a levy freeze would limit the district's ability to raise revenues in the coming years. Developments on any reduction in state funding or levy freeze will need to be closely monitored and the district will manage its resources to ensure that spending stays in-line with the projected revenue increases.

To view a copy of the dashboard report, click [here](#)