



September 20, 2021

Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Budget

Review of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

The Board of Education held a Public Hearing on the school budget for the fiscal school year ending June 30, 2022. The tentative budget has been on display and available for public inspection at the District Administration office as required by law. Notice of said public hearing was published in the Journal & Topics newspaper.

Student Learning and Support Services Update

Appointment of Associate Superintendent/Superintendent



Dr. Michael Amadei was named the incoming Superintendent of Schools at the September 20 Board of Education meeting. Amadei will replace Dr. Paul E. Hertel when he retires at the end of June 2022 after serving as Superintendent of Schools for the last four years and dedicating 35 years to public education.

As a first step in his transition to Superintendent of Schools, Amadei was appointed Associate Superintendent at the September 20 Board of Education meeting.

“I have had the privilege of being part of the District 62 learning community for the past 14 years in a variety of roles, each of which have helped influence me to become a stronger instructional leader,” said Amadei. “As I reflect on my years in the district, I am extremely proud

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of the leadership, compassion and dedication that makes District 62 a destination district.

For the last four years, Amadei has served as the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. In that role, Amadei was responsible for collaborating with all stakeholders to ensure best practice with regards to personnel services and records, staffing issues, contract administration, and personnel review and appraisal. Prior to that he served as the principal of Iroquois Community School, the district's year-round school, for a decade. Throughout his tenure at Iroquois he led the school through a complete renovation that modernized the site. While keeping academic expectations high, he has focused on strong social emotional learning practices as well as guiding his staff to become an Apple Distinguished School, 1 of 400 in the world.

"I have appreciated the opportunities for growth in this district. What fulfills me is maintaining a culture that is caring, professional, ethical, collaborative and accountable," said Amadei. "It is my hope to continue to support the children and families of Des Plaines and Rosemont. The significance of my role in education is never lost on me. Every single day I recognize the privilege and importance of my position and the ability I have to make an incredible difference for those I serve. I am humbled to be named the next Superintendent of Schools for District 62."

IN This Together Update

Superintendent Hertel shared an update relative to COVID metrics, anticipated SHIELD testing to begin next month and our social emotional and academic supports for children. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).



Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

The Board of Education formally approved the 2021-2022 budget. As required by state law, the Board adopted a resolution in January that directed administration to begin the budget development process and prepare the budget in tentative form. In August, the administration presented the tentative budget and indicated that the final budget would be presented to the Board of Education for adoption at the September Board meeting. The district projects approximately \$95.5 million in revenues over the next year. This includes revenues from local taxes, state funding and federal funding. A copy of the budget can be accessed [here](#).

District 62

Administration

Dr. Paul Hertel

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Michael Amadei, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Mark Bertolozzi, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Dr. Laura Sangroula, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services

Dr. Ellen Swanson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Adam Denenberg, Chief Technology Officer

Milagros Bravo, Director for Second Language Learners' Programs

Jennifer Tempest Bova, Director of Community Relations

Margarite Beniaris, Director of Student Services

Dr. Julie Fogarty, Director of Curriculum

Michael Vilendrer, Director of Operations, Maintenance and Transportation

Christina Bowman, Curriculum Coordinator and Data Specialist

Elizabeth Juskiewicz, ELL Coordinator

Carlos Rojas, ELL Coordinator

Erica Tae, ELL Coordinator

Jill Dzik, Student Services Coordinator

Xrisovalantou "Valia" Garbis, Student Services Coordinator

Benjamin Keele, Student Services Coordinator

Joanna Krause, Student Services Coordinator

Kristan Krupinski, Student Services Coordinator

Rosemary Slivka, Student Services Coordinator

Katerina Vaselopoulos, Student Services Coordinator

Communications

Board of Education

Vice President Morley reminded the Board of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) North Cook dinner on September 22.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Paul Hertel introduced Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Mark Bertolozzi, who provided the Board with several updates, beginning with summer projects in the district. The roofing project at North has been completed. The paving job at Central is completed with the exception of the stainless ballard covers. The Algonquin Middle School HVAC project is complete with the exception of the installation of the rooftop unit which will take place during Thanksgiving break. In addition, Mr. Bertolozzi provided an update regarding taxes. The Cook County Treasurer has given people an extension to pay their taxes, which has impacted revenues. Mr. Bertolozzi addressed House Bill 508 which is a law that allows districts to levy beyond the tax cap for any refunds given to property taxpayers the prior year, which is typically large commercial properties. It will probably be a large figure for our district, as our commercial properties make up about half of our tax base. We appreciate the opportunity to collect the extra dollars, however this would result in us assessing another tax that would shift taxes from industrial taxpayers to homeowners. The law is well-intentioned but it does pose a few philosophical challenges.

Dashboard: Enrollment for 2021-2022 School Year Access

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Michael Amadei provided an overview of student enrollment data, comparing FY21 to FY22. The data demonstrate that the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to disrupt an otherwise stable enrollment with respect to normal grade-level promotion from year to year. As a reminder, these are sixth-day enrollment figures and subject to change as enrollment figures are impacted by mobility rates and the 2020 Pandemic. As a result, although enrollment is down this school year, it continues to be consistent with the Kasarda study that was prepared by Dr. John D. Kasarda in April, 2016. [Here](#) is a copy of the Dashboard Report.



Committee of the Whole

Principal Roundtables

Following the conclusion of the Board meeting, principals from Cumberland Elementary School (Colleen White and Tina Mazzone), Forest Elementary School (Amy Cengel), South Elementary School (Kristin Jares) and Plainfield Elementary School (Dr. Lisa Carlos) addressed the Board during a Committee of the Whole meeting as part of the annual Principal Roundtables. The Principal Roundtables provide all District 62 principals with the opportunity to engage with the Board of Education regarding their focus on academic and social emotional learning in our schools.