



December 16, 2019

## Truth in Taxation Hearing

Finance Liaison Beth Morley called the hearing to order. She opened the hearing by reminding attendees that the 2019 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 the week of December 2.

The proposed levy amounts for all Funds, in addition to other annual revenue, are projected to account for the expenditures during the 2020-2021 school year. The total levy request for 2019 is \$76.0 million, which reflects an increase of approximately 4.66% for New Property and 1.9% for Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), for a total of 6.56% over the 2018 tax extension. The estimated 2019 total tax rate for District 62 is \$2.909. The 2018 total tax rate was \$4.121.

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 Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) and new construction, which are not known. The 2019 tax levy projects \$70 million in new construction due to the large projects being completed in district.

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Projections and actuals can vary greatly as we don't know when new properties hit the tax rolls, nor do we know their EAV. Thus, there is a need to overestimate to collect all tax dollars available. The new construction accounts for most of the 6.56% increase. It cannot be stressed enough that existing taxpayers will see an approximate increase of 1.9%. Given the CPI of 1.9% and if new construction were the same as last year, total extension for 2019 would increase by about 2.7% to approximately \$73,250,000. The 2018 extension was \$71.3 million. Last year, it was estimated that the actual dollars received would be about \$71.25 million, the actual was \$71.32 million.

The Board of Education is abating the 2019 Debt Service Fund Levy, which is estimated to be \$8.637 million. Which is approximately a 10.5% savings to the current taxpayers. The 2018 abatement was \$9.54 million. This reduction is due to the bond refunding completed this fall. The estimated tax rate is truly an estimate given the reassessments, but there will probably be a substantial reduction given the estimated EAV increases from the assessor's office.

## Student Learning and Support Services

### Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Hertel presented the scorecard that includes Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to indicate how the district is working toward the five goals of the strategic plan. The scorecard can be accessed [here](#). In addition, members of the Goal 1 Action Teams provided the Board of Education with an update regarding their progress to date for this school year as part of their "fall check-ins". This is the final fall check-in. Spring check-ins will begin in April. A copy of their presentation can be accessed [here](#).



### Adoption of Levy Resolutions for 2019 Tax Year

The following resolutions for the 2019 tax year were adopted:

- 2019 Levy Resolution
- Abate Debt Service Resolution Certificate
- Illinois State Board of Education Certificate of Levy
- Fire and Life Safety Resolution
- Certificate of Fire Prevention and Life Safety
- Special Education Fund Resolution
- Working Cash Resolution
- Working Cash Fund Certificate of Levy

## District 62

### Administration

**Dr. Paul Hertel**

Superintendent of Schools

**Mark Bertolozzi**, Assistant

Superintendent of Business Services

**Dr. Michael Amadei**, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

**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

**Elizabeth Juskiwicz**, ELL Coordinator

**Carlos Rojas**, ELL Coordinator

**Erica Tae**, ELL Coordinator

**Jill Dzik**, Student Services Coordinator

**Kristan Krupinski**, Student Services Coordinator

**Joanna Krause**, Student Services Coordinator

**Rose Slivka**, Student Services Coordinator

- Fire and Life Safety Certificate of Levy
- Certification of Compliance with the Truth-in Taxation Act
- Adoption of the 2019 Certificate of Tax Levy
- Truth-in Taxation Compliance Certificate

## Consent Agenda

### Donald Jones named Algonquin Middle School Principal



**D**onald Jones was named the next Principal of Algonquin Middle School.

“I am thankful and excited to join the staff at Algonquin and District 62,” said Jones. “I am eager to meet with staff, students and parents and get to work.”

“We welcome Don Jones to the District 62 team and look forward to his contributions this fall,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul E. Hertel. “Mr. Jones is a dedicated instructional leader who is committed to supporting our middle school students both in and out of the classroom.”

Don Jones is currently in his second year at George Washington Middle School in Lyons, Illinois. Before becoming principal, he served as an assistant principal, special education coordinator and special education teacher.

### Dr. Kermit Blakley named Chippewa Middle School Principal

**D**r. Kermit Blakley was named the next Principal of Chippewa Middle School.

Dr. Blakley will replace John Swanson who will retire at the end of this school year after 13 years of service to the district.

“We wish Mr. Swanson all the best in his upcoming retirement,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul E. Hertel. “His leadership, care and humor will be deeply missed at Chippewa. We thank Mr. Swanson for his dedication to our middle school students and commitment to staff.”



Dr. Blakley is currently a principal at MacArthur Middle School in Berkeley. His teaching career began as a math and physical education teacher at Harbor Academy of West 40 Regional Safe Schools Program. He then was principal for five years at the alternative high school in Harbor focusing on social emotional learning, relationship building and academics.

“I am very excited to join an awesome team of leaders and staff in District 62,” said Dr. Blakley. “I would like to thank Dr. Hertel and the Board of Education for this opportunity. I look forward to meeting the students, parents and staff members to best serve the Chippewa Middle School, District 62 and Des Plaines community.”

## Communications

### Board of Education

Board Member Tina Garrett announced the date for the [District 62 Education Foundation](#) annual benefit which will take place on March 6 at Cafe la Cave.

### Superintendent

Superintendent Paul Hertel announced Iroquois Community School's intersession officially began on December 16. The remainder of the district will begin winter break on December 23. Classes will resume January 6, 2020.

### Tax Levy Comparison 2014-2019

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, Consumer Price Index (CPI) has trended downward from a 2.5% 30-year average to the current 1.8% ten-year average. Due to the historically low trend, the district has experienced smaller annual increases in the levy extension and the tax dollars collected as it would have prior to the recession of 2008-09.

The base EAV has been higher over the last three years, as in 2016 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 over the past three years, which resulted in the tax rate decreasing to a range between 3.9 and 4.1 over the last three years from higher rates in prior years. Given the large projected increase in EAV growth for the 2019 levy due to the new triennial reassessment, the projected tax rate for 2019 should decline, and perhaps decline significantly.

Legislatively, the possibility of a property tax freeze would limit the district's ability to raise revenues in the coming years. Developments on any 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.

A copy of the Dashboard Report can be accessed [here](#).

## SAVE THE DATE MARCH MADNESS

Dinner, trivia, live music AND a good cause...it's a slam dunk!

Team up with the District 62 Education Foundation for a night of trivia, raffles, live music, dinner and much more.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020  
6-10:30PM

CAFE LA CAVE  
2777 MANNHEIM RD, DES PLAINES, IL 60018

**\$60 PER TICKET**  
INCLUDES DINNER  
FILL A TABLE OF 10 - \$550

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 62. IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE EVENT OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ADVANCE DONATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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