



December 17, 2018

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Finance Liaison Ronald Burton called the hearing to order. He opened the hearing by reminding attendees that the 2018 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 3.

The proposed levy amounts for all Funds, in addition to other annual revenue, are projected to account for the expenditures during the 2019-2020 school year. The total levy request for 2018 is \$74 million, which reflects an increase of approximately 4.83% for New Property and 2.10% for Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), for a total of 6.93% over the 2017 tax extension. The estimated 2018 total tax rate for District 62 is \$3.975. The 2017 total tax rate was \$3.94. 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.

The 2018 tax levy projects \$70 million in new construction due to the large projects being completed in district. \$30 million was projected last year, and the actual was \$11.7 million. Projections and actuals can vary greatly as we don't know when new properties hit the tax rolls, nor do we know their Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV). We need to over-estimate to collect all tax dollars available.

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The new construction accounts for most of the 6.93% increase. Existing taxpayers will see an approximate increase of in property taxes of 2.1%.

The total amount levied is \$74,029,000. The Board of Education is abating the 2018 Debt Service Fund Levy, which is estimated to be \$9.54 million, an approximate 12.8% savings to current taxpayers.

Student Learning and Support Services

Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Dr. Paul Hertel reported that each of the five action teams have met to begin their work toward implementing the five strategic plan goals identified for this year. The five action teams have formally submitted action plans that can be accessed [here](#).



Specialist and Instructional Coach Program Review

The Board of Education received a report on the role of the Behavioral Specialist, Instructional Coaches and Bilingual/English as a Second Language Instructional Specialist in District 62 from Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Dr. Ellen Swanson, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Laura Sangroula and Director of Second Language Learners Milagros Bravo. A copy of the report can be accessed [here](#).

Adoption of Levy Resolutions for 2018 Tax Year

The following resolutions for the 2018 tax year were adopted:

- 2018 Levy Resolution
- Abate Debt Service Resolution Certificate
- Illinois State Board of Education Certificate of Levy
- Fire and Life Safety Resolution
- Special Education Fund Resolution
- Working Cash Resolution
- Working Cash Fund Certificate of Levy
- Fire and Life Safety Certificate of Levy
- Certification of Compliance with the Truth-in Taxation Act
- Adoption of the 2018 Certificate of Tax Levy
- Truth-in Taxation Compliance Certificate

District 62 Administration

Dr. Paul Hertel
Superintendent of Schools

Mark Bertolozzi, Assistant
Superintendent of Business Services

Dr. Michael Amadei, Interim Assistant
Superintendent for Human Resources

Adam Denenberg
Chief Technology Officer

Laura Sangroula, Assistant
Superintendent for Instructional
Services

Dr. Ellen Swanson,
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Victorene King, Director of Strategic
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Christina Bowman,
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Elizabeth Juskiewicz, ELL Coordinator

Carlos Rojas, ELL Coordinator

Erica Tae, ELL Coordinator

Erica Cupuro, Student Services
Coordinator

Kristan Krupinski, Student Services
Coordinator

Joanne Krause, Student
Services Coordinator

Rose Slivka, Student Services
Coordinator

Communications

Board of Education

Member Tina Garrett recognized Early Learning Center's recent collection of gifts that will be given to low-income homes. She recognized Wight and Company's \$1,000 donation to the [District 62 Education Foundation](#).

Member Sharon Lynch announced the District Education Foundation Chess Tournament which will take place on February 2 at Iroquois Community School. In addition, Member Lynch announced the upcoming Foundation benefit that will take place on March 1 at Café le Cave. The theme this year is Spring Fling. All proceeds will go directly back to the Foundation to support the students and staff of District 62.



Superintendent Report

Dr. Hertel acknowledged that the district is wrapping up its last few days before the start of winter break which begins on December 24. He added that he celebrated the end of his two-day school tour that will be featured in his next vodcast to staff.

Tax Levy Comparison 2013-2018 Dashboard Report

Assistant Superintendent Mark Bertolozzi provided the Board with a 2013-2018 financial comparison. 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 10 years the 10-year CPI average has trended downward from a 2.5% average to the current 1.6% 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.

While the 2017 CPI of 2.1% and potential new construction could result in an increase of \$2.0 million or more in revenues for the District, it should be noted that any increases in tax refunds, which can exceed \$2 million per year would offset the tax revenues for the District. The District will need to closely manage its resources to ensure that spending stays in-line with the projected revenue increases. Furthermore, the District will need to continue to work with legal counsel to minimize the impact of property tax refund objections related to property tax collections on large commercial and industrial properties.

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