

**Dist. 205 Finance and Operations Comm Meeting**  
**Mar. 6, 2017**  
**7:00 pm – 9:50 pm**

**Blum, McDonough, Stuefen present**  
**Public: 3 Staff: 5 Press: 0**  
**Observer: J. Dorner**

Committee Chair Blum called the meeting to order. Staff members present were Superintendent Moyer, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Chris Whelton, Director of Building and Grounds, Frank Schuh, Director of Technology Dave Smith, and Director of Communications and Public Relations, Melea Smith.

**Public Comment:** None

The Committee approved the minutes of the 10/18/16 meeting.

**Finance and Operations Committee Discussion Topics:**

A. Feb. 2017 Monthly Financial Report – Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Chris Whelton, reported on the Feb. 2017 financials. Revenues are down 3% and expenditures are up over 9% from last year at this time. Trend is not good.

B. Facility Use Fees – Some fees will be increased slightly. There is concern at the High School level of use of (specifically) the batting cages. The facilities use fees for equipment will include a 200% increase for Group E and 250% increase for Group F uses. Both groups are outside of Elmhurst residents.

C. Student Fees: Proposed fees are as follows:

PreK (Madison) to go from \$74 to \$98.

Kindergarten (including \$50 tech fee) – to go from \$124 to \$148.

Grades 1 – 5 (including \$50 tech fee) – to go from \$180 to \$172.

Grades 6-8 (including \$50 tech fee) – to go from \$179 to \$232.

For York, all fees will remain the same except for:

Algebra 2 will go from \$35.00 to \$0.00 (A Title 1 grant will pay this fee.)

ID Fee will increase to \$3 from \$1.

Insurance will increase to about \$6.40 from \$6.00. (Actual amount will not be available until May.)

Technology fee will increase from \$50 to \$65.

The idea behind the \$15 technology increase for both Grades 6-8 and York is to have a self-funded insurance fee. Next year, Grades 6-8 will be allowed to take their chromebooks home, which statistically, shows double the amount of repairs necessary. This insurance will allow for 1 accident repair and any out of warranty repair for “free.”

The Board members asked Mr. Whelton if there was a way to reduce the \$53 increase at the 6-8 grade level. Mr. Whelton said he would try to think of a way.

D. Debt Capacity: D205’s net debt limit is \$224,699,932.

Currently, the entire D205 debt will be retired by 2025. Mr. Blum stated that there was significant bonding capability out there with no change in taxes. The following information was presented about several different options:

Dr. Moyer stated that the district should get some drawings and let people know what could be done. Both Dr. Moyer and Mr. Blum spoke about building an addition onto Edison School to house Lincoln students while Lincoln is demolished and rebuilt. Dr. Moyer said that there were 3 reasons for the addition at Edison – to house Lincoln students while the Lincoln building is being rebuilt, to act as a

buffer for future enrollment increases and for all day kindergarten.

Some of the Board members discussed what could be done with the different amounts of money. Dr. Moyer said that \$100 million should cover everything now, but in ten years more would need to be done. The \$156 million figure should cover all D205 issues for the next 20 years.

It is up to the community to decide what they want and how much they could/would be able to afford. Dr. Moyer spoke about hiring marketing people and that he had some people that have expressed interest in running a referendum. Someone has stepped forward.

	Current Levies	Option I \$100M Bonds issued 6/18	Option II \$100M w/2021 refunding	Option III \$133M Bonds '19, '21, '23 w/2021 refunding	Option IV \$156M Bonds '19, '21, '23 w/2021 refunding
2016	\$12,233,443	\$12,232,210	\$12,232,210	\$12,232,210	\$12,232,210
2017	\$12,609,543	\$12,606,380	\$12,606,380	\$12,606,380	\$12,606,380
2018	\$13,010,430	\$13,005,505	\$13,005,505	\$13,005,505	\$13,005,505
2019	\$13,470,893	\$13,468,518	\$13,468,518	\$13,468,518	\$13,468,518
2020	\$14,105,963	\$17,049,213	\$16,319,443	\$11,751,004	\$13,104,568
2021	\$15,036,563	\$20,331,313	\$15,945,463	\$13,769,563	\$15,940,363
2022	\$15,944,875	\$21,239,625	\$15,946,275	\$13,772,375	\$15,941,675
2023	\$10,073,550	\$15,368,300	\$15,933,950	\$13,772,800	\$15,940,600
2024	\$13,773,650	\$19,068,400	\$15,944,050	\$13,772,150	\$15,944,200
2025	\$1,238,000	\$12,082,750	\$13,691,000	\$13,771,500	\$15,945,750
2026-	-0-	\$12,082,250	\$13,695,750	\$13,771,500	\$15,945,750
	-0-	approx same	approx same	approx same	approx same
2036	-0-	\$12,080,250	\$13,692,000	\$13,770,750	\$15,944,250
Impact on					
\$387,300 house	add \$163/annually		add \$126/annually	add \$85/annually	add \$123/annually

E. Focus 205 Next Steps – Both Dr. Moyer and Mr. Whelton thought it would be appropriate to send out RFQ (Request for Quotation) for both an architect and a construction management firm. Mr. Blum thought it was too early to do this and asked that D205's current architects (Wight) and construction management (McHugh) be asked to give some preliminary drawings and estimates for both Lincoln and Field so that the community would have some idea of costs and what could be done with Lincoln and Field. Dr. Moyer and Mr. Schuh agreed to speak with Wight and McHugh.

Mr. Blum would like this discussion to be presented at the next school board meeting. Ms. Smith (and some Board members) was concerned that the discussion would take place (next Board meeting 3/21) BEFORE the Focus 205 Facilitating Committee would give their report at the April 11<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.

The Board would need to vote in Dec. 2017 to go to referendum in the spring of 2018.

F. Next Steps for Bathrooms and Locker Rooms – Some adjustments have been made to two elementary bathrooms for privacy of students. Additional privacy needs to be addressed for bathrooms and locker rooms at one of the middle schools. This should cost about \$56,000 plus in-house labor. An additional \$10,000 would be needed to use existing shower space for private changing rooms. This will be discussed at the next board meeting under the review of this meeting.