

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Dec. 18, 2018
7:30 pm – 10:05 pm

All Bd members present
Public: 30 Staff: 9 Press: 1
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board was in closed session from 6:00 p.m. for employment of employee, placing student(s) in special education program, possible litigation, purchase of property, setting a price for sale of property and discussion of minutes.

President Caforio called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing for the Adoption of 2018 Certificate of Levy: Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Chris Whelton, gave an overview of the levy. Per the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) or “tax cap,” the taxing body (e.g. D205) is allowed the lesser of 5% or the increase in the Consumer Product Index (CPI). For the 2018 levy year (the 2018-19 budget year), the CPI is 2.1%. The limitation does not apply to new construction. New construction is estimated at \$43 million plus the TIF 1 termination to have an estimate of \$30 million. An additional \$20 million in new construction is levied to provide for the possibility of under-estimating new construction. No matter what is levied, only the allowable increase will be used by the Counties.

The equalized assessed valuation is estimated as a 7.67% increase. Mr. Whelton said that most taxpayers who currently own property will see an increase of 2.22% (\$102.19 increase on a \$300,000 home or \$136.25 on a \$400,000 home). Note that the levy is a request.

Levy Hearing Public Comment: none

Adjournment and return to Regular Meeting.

Recognition:

A. Shining Star: Elizabeth Kawa, a teacher at Emerson was recongnized for all she does at the school. Emily Bastedo, Casey Braun, Beth Hosler,

Alison Dondlinger, Katie Wasserman, Kristi Amendola, Kristin Boxall, Courtnae Trautman, Hilary Simonds, Rachel Olson, Kristina Phipps and Mandy Puchalski were recognized for making a positive impact as the Ballot Initiative Committee for the referendum.

Public Comment: none

Presentations:

A. Standards Based Reporting: Dr. Henderson spoke about the K-5 standards-based reporting for the first trimester.

Teacher Feedback – No actual teacher feedback was shared, but Dr. Henderson said it was “being used to guide the work of the steering committee.”

Parent Feedback – Survey has a 14% response rate.

- Easy to read format.
- Students able to identify areas for growth.
- Info about learning behaviors/habits.
- Cannot access with mobile device. (Power School app does not allow access on mobile devices.)
- They miss personal, narrative comments from teachers about their student.
- Miss student work going home with teacher feedback on a regular basis.

Sixth Grade Planning:

Hybrid model

- Current Grading System
 - Letter grades for core content, world language & Band/Orchestra/Choir.
 - Exceeds expectations, Meets expectations, N-does not meet expectations for Unified Arts, PE
 - Work completion, on task behavior report.
- Standards-based System
 - Rating 4, 3, 2, 1 for each identified standard
 - Letter grade for core content and all electives > 1 semester

- “process standards” – learning behaviors /work habits

Website Design: Executive Director of Communications, Bev Redmond presented. A new website is needed to be ADA and EEO compliant, so that it can reach every user. The aesthetics are image/icon driven with a flexible layout. It should be easily updated and have a seamless login. A calendar will be integrated and emergency notification will be accessible. The platform will be “agnostic” – can be accessed on laptop, phone, tablet or desktop computer.

There is still a question about using the current logo – the website may go with a rebranded or refreshed logo.

This month, the administration is reviewing, the content is being migrated, the school board will preview and there will be “train the trainer” sessions.

January and February 2019, Principals will preview. Principals, Secretaries, District Department, Teacher and affiliate groups will be trained.

March 2019 Drop-In Lab Days and personal training will take place.

Transition to the new site will take place during Spring Break of 2019.

C. Summer Maintenance Projects:

New Director of Buildings and Grounds, Todd Schmidt, presented the following. He first performed a building audit, where it was found that mostly reactive maintenance was performed. A detailed asset inventory with corresponding replacement planning was conducted.

A 10-year estimated capital needs assessment was done, with an estimated yearly average cost of \$3,400,000.

Implementation of a new Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) will take place. This software will give a history of a specific unit – when it was purchased/installed and any work that had been done on it. This software approval will come to the Board in January 2019.

The draft Summer 2019 Capital Plan:

\$1,284,000 in roofs

\$100,000 in tuckpointing

\$2,461,000 in exterior work

\$100,000 in exterior doors

\$619,000 in interior finishes

\$1,005,000 in HVAC/Controls

\$150,000 in electrical

\$5,719,000 in total expenditures

The suggested amount of \$10 million to be spent in the summer of 2019 will be spread over a couple of years.

Revenue of \$5,719,000 for this:

\$1,846,100 in TIF 1 release money

\$2,531,000 in Operational capital

\$1,342,000 in money from the 1st bond issue from passed referendum.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

A. The Board approved the minutes of 11/27/18 and 12/11/18.

B. The Board approved the following closed session minutes: January 10, 2017, January 24, 2017, February 14, 2017, February 28, 2017, March 9, 2017, April 11, 2017, April 25, 2017, May 9, 2017, May 23, 2017 and November 27, 2018.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda The Board approved:

- Personnel Report
- Financial Report
- Open designated closed session minutes and keep all other closed session minutes closed.
- Authorization to destroy verbatim recordings of closed session minutes.

Superintendent's Action Item Agenda: The Board approved:

- Resolution for 2018 Certificate of Levy

- Action regarding uniform grievance complaint appeal regarding athletic fees. (A parent was unhappy with athletic fees and filed a grievance, which the administration upheld. The parent appealed to the school board. School Board agreed with the administration and denied the request.)
- PE Waiver for 9th and 10th Graders. – For 2nd semester, Spring 2019. It is thought that at least one policy will need to be amended. This allows families to make the decision for a student. If the student already has a study hall, a 2nd one cannot be taken.
- Study Skills Instructional Program Stipends funded by the D205 Foundation - \$14,537. Mrs. Stuefen asked if this needed to be reviewed. Dr. Moyer replied that it should be. “Whenever possible, we want interventions to be within the school day.” He said.
 - Donation – Hawthorne – \$700 from the PTA for speakers with stage monitors

Although the following was on the agenda, no action was taken :
Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Elmhurst and/or action on TIF and stormwater fee issues with the City of Elmhurst.

Superintendent’s Communications:

A. Freedom of Information Act Requests: One request for specific emails that was partially granted and partially denied.

B. Tweet of the Week: From Peter Richey, a Project Lead The Way teacher at Churchville showing a visit from an Easter Seals staff member who was demonstrating adaptive toys.

Board Communications: none

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meetings are Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 and January 22, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

○ Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 - Finance Committee meeting at 6:30 pm.
All meetings are held at the D205 Center.