



Board of Education

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President Joe Sonnefeldt called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of November 15, 2018 to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Dennis Composto, Jennifer Kobus, Eileen Kowalczyk, Gerald McCluskey, and Joe Sonnefeldt. Absent: Brian Maye.

Recognition of Lincoln Cross Country Team

Coaches Steve Shaffer and Amy Nelson acknowledged the achievements of the Girls' Cross Country Team who competed at State. Mr. Shaffer shared information about the runners. The students and coaches were each given a certificate by President Sonnefeldt and Superintendent Aumiller.

Communications

Board of Education

NSSEO: Member Maye was absent and, therefore, no report.

Education Foundation: Member Chung attended the November 6 meeting. She said 18 grants in the amount of \$21,500 were approved and all recipients will be notified by November 16. There is a Dine & Share on November 26 at Chipotle and April 6 will be the Spring Gala which will also celebrate the Foundation's 50th Anniversary. The next meeting is December 12 at Westbrook.

PTO Reports: Member Composto (Westbrook), Member McCluskey (Lincoln), and Member Chung (Lions Park) reported on PTO meetings and events at the schools. Vice President Kowalczyk (Fairview) said the Fairview PTO meeting is not until November 27.

Board President's Report: President Sonnefeldt

- Informed the Board that the December 6 meeting was cancelled.
- Asked the Board if anyone wanted to discuss any resolutions that Vice President Kowalczyk would be voting on at the Delegates Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference. Member Chung brought up #2, Student Safety and Protection and stated that she felt District 57 should vote no. She said she believes having guns inside of schools would make it less safe. The Board discussed this issue. President Sonnefeldt said the resolution would change state law and give districts the choice. He also said District 57 could abstain. They were split on their decision to vote no or abstain. President Sonnefeldt changed his vote to no and Vice President Kowalczyk was given direction to vote no on this resolution.

Community Comments

President Sonnefeldt explained that this was the first of two opportunities for community to address the Board. He asked that people, who had questions, please complete a card at the back table and either he or an administrator would contact them with the information. Ms. Pollard from the League of Women Voters, was recommending a no vote to the resolution the Board discussed and decided they would vote no.

Staff Reports

Presentation of Financial Projections

Mr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the annual fall financial projections, which is done every November after the Board sees the audit and uses the audited numbers for the fund balances. The Forecast5 Analytics, Inc. model uses an eleven-year view of finances – five years prior, current year, and five years in the future. Forecast5 is a program but the assumptions were provided by the district. He showed the budgeted revenues by source with 91% of revenues from local funds – fees and property taxes. The MPEA contract is good through June 2021 and the MPESPA contract through June 2020. There was a law related to TRS where salary increases are moving from a maximum of 6% to 3% for those certified staff who are in their four final years prior to retirement and that will have to be addressed when MPEA negotiations begin. He said the revenue assumptions included the Evidence-Based Funding Formula (EBF), and other local fees. Transportation reimbursement claim and federal funding sources all held flat. He

also reviewed the budgeted expenses by object, the key expenditure assumptions, and other sources that included approximately \$55,000 annual transfer of interest from Debt Service fund to Education fund and annual transfer from Operations and Maintenance fund to Capital Projects fund for construction projects. The capital projects fund/construction projects are \$3M in FY20, \$4M in FY21, \$3M in FY22, \$2.5M in FY23, and \$2M in FY24. Based on district enrollment, long term staffing changes will increase by 4.5 FTE in FY20 and an additional 1.5 FTE in FY21 and no changes in FY22-FY24. He also shared graphs showing fund balances through FY24. There are still legislative unknowns regarding property tax freeze, TRS cost shift, and Governor Pritzker's impact. Board discussion followed with Mr. Parisi answering questions.

Presentation of 2018 Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Parisi presented information on the tax levy process. He explained that the levy is the amount requested to be raised from property taxes, the extension is the actual dollar amount billed to property taxpayers, and collection is the actual dollar amount collected by the district. He said in Cook County 55% of the previous year's extension is collected on March 1 with the remainder October 1 or sooner. The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL/Tax Cap) limits the increase in property tax extension to 5% or the percent increase in the national Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is 2.1% during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year, whichever is less, plus new growth. If the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) goes down, the tax rate goes up and vice versa. With the successful referendum, the estimated tax rate should increase from 2.76% to 3.61%. He reviewed new property growth, last year's exemptions, and capped and non-capped funds. Board discussion followed with Mr. Parisi answering questions from the Board. President Sonnefeldt said the Board would be asked to adopt the Tentative Tax Levy later in the meeting.

Summer 2019 Construction Planning Update

Mr. Parisi did a short presentation about the summer construction for Lions Park: At the October 18 meeting there was information regarding rebuilding the Lions Park parking lot at a cost of \$475,000. He and Carole Pugh, the district architect, looked at the Lions Park parking lot again. The only way to expand the school would be by taking the baseball field from the park district. He had a meeting with the village and the park district and said the school district has nothing to give the park district for the baseball field. He and Carole Pugh are recommending going ahead with the Lions Park parking lot with the exception of the bus loop and front turnaround. The cost would be reduced to \$260,000 and would still address the drainage issues that are mostly in the west parking lot. The sprinkler system would still be replaced as discussed at the October 18 meeting and at the same price of \$250,000. Board discussion followed with Mr. Parisi and Ms. Pugh answering questions. Mr. Parisi was asked to follow-up about an old land agreement with the park district.

Melas-Meadows Pedestrian/Bike Bridge Project Update

Mr. Parisi did a presentation on the Melas-Meadows Pedestrian/Bike Project. He said it was the same presentation that the Board saw in July. The village shared three videos of multiple people running across the railroad tracks. The village is asking District 57 and other entities to reconsider the project. Discussion by the Board followed. Board members agreed it is a good idea from a resident standpoint but did not feel it is appropriate for the school district to use taxpayer money to pay for this project. One Board member asked if we should get input from the community. Superintendent Aumiller said the village should be the one seeking community input not the school district.

TIF Joint Review Board Meeting Report

Mr. Parisi said he attended the November 5 Joint Review Board meeting regarding the Tax Increment Financing (TIF). He said the biggest issue with the District 214 lawsuit was that the village was re-tiffing. District 57 should receive about \$18,000 from parcels in the TIF and other taxing bodies should also receive money. The 20 West project is for summer 2019 and the Maple Street Lofts final plans have not been decided. The village wants to develop the Central and Main area with 84 units. They also talked about Pocket Park, and the Police Department and Fire Department areas. There are no plans by the village for an ordinance on impact fees for the TIF area. The next meeting will be in August 2019.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Aumiller

- Reported on two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
 - The first was received on October 24 from Ms. Quesada of Chicago Public Schools. She requested policies regarding English Language Learners at Lions Park School. We responded the same day and sent her the district policy on English Learners.
 - The second was a commercial request received on November 2 from Bethany Simpson of SmartProcure. She requested purchase order numbers and date, line item details, quantity, and price for purchase orders from June 28, 2018 to current. She also requested vendor id numbers, names, address, contact people and their email address. We responded on November 6 and sent her two documents from Skyward that included the information requested.
- Announced that November 15 is designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois. She thanked the Board members who devote countless hours to learn about complex educational and financial issues so they can make well-informed decisions. Superintendent Aumiller said we are grateful to them for the role they take in making District 57 schools a source of pride for the residents in this community. Our seven Board members are committed public servants who work to ensure students are given every opportunity to thrive and prepare for a successful future.
- Informed the Board that the district's Illinois School Report Cards were released by ISBE. She asked Cassie Black, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, to provide an overview of the report cards. Ms. Black said there is a new structure to the report cards and District 57 did not have any students in the lowest 5% or the highest 10%. The report cards look at the academic growth from 2017-18 performance and at English Learner progress where the students should exit the program within five years. The report cards also looked at the chronically absent. She mentioned that the state has not developed the Climate Survey and, therefore, gave all school districts full credit. The State Report Cards will be posted to the district's website.

Consent Agenda

President Sonnefeldt presented the Consent Agenda. He said the minutes would need to be pulled because all members were not present at the meetings. He asked if any Member wanted any other item pulled, but no one did. Member Kobus reviewed the bills and said everything was in order. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 11 meeting. Member Chung moved, seconded by Vice President Kowalczyk, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 11, 2018 – Open Session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Composto, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Sonnefeldt
 No: None
 Abstain: McCluskey
 Absent: Maye Motion carried.

President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 18 meeting. Vice President Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Member Chung, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of October 18, 2018 – Open Session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Composto, Kowalczyk, Chung, Sonnefeldt
 No: None
 Abstain: Kobus, McCluskey
 Absent: Maye Motion carried.

President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve Items 2 through 5 of the Consent Agenda. Vice President Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve Items 2 through 5 of the Consent Agenda as follows

Item 2. Personnel Transactions

Approve the short-term contract for an interim administrator:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cathy Kostecki	Interim Director of Student Services	Admin Bldg.	1-16-19 through 5/9/19	\$500/day for 47 days

Approve the employment of the following ESP individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Dena Conway	Building Tech Assistant	Westbrook	11/12/18	\$18.00/hour
Mary Kroll Knight	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	11/9/18	\$13.50/hour
Andriy Oleksyn	Kids' Corner Assistant	Fairview	10/19/18	\$11.00/hour

Accept the resignation of the following ESP employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kirsten Zinzer	Instructional Assistant	Fairview	12/21/18

Item 3. Financial Reports – October 2018

Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills

Item 5. Approve Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Calendar

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kobus, Kowalczyk, McCluskey, Chung, Composto, Sonnefeldt

No: None

Absent: Maye Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

Community Comments

President Sonnefeldt said this was the second opportunity if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board but no one did.

New Business

1. Adopt 2018 Tentative Tax Levy

President Sonnefeldt said Mr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, earlier in the meeting presented information on the tax levy. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to adopt the 2018 Tentative Tax Levy. Vice President Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve the 2018 Estimated Tax Levy as stated in Certificate of Tax Levy (Exhibit A) and authorize December 20, 2018 public hearing and publication of Hearing Notice (Exhibit B). Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kowalczyk, McCluskey, Chung, Composto, Kobus, Sonnefeldt

No: None

Absent: Maye Motion carried.

Board Discussion

None

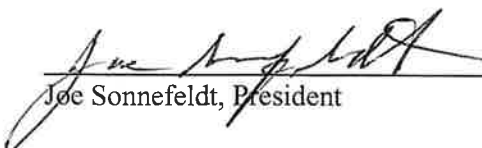
Closed Session

President Sonnefeldt said there was no need for closed session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Chung made a motion, seconded by Vice President Kowalczyk, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted yes and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.


Virginia Webster, Secretary


Joe Sonnefeldt, President

Date of approval: December 20, 2018