



## Board of Education

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President Joe Sonnefeldt called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of December 20, 2018 to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Jennifer Kobus, Eileen Kowalczyk, and Joe Sonnefeldt. Brian Maye arrived at 7:05 p.m. Absent: Dennis Composto and Gerald McCluskey.

### **Public Hearing on 2018 Tax Levy**

President Sonnefeldt opened the Public Hearing on the 2018 Tax Levy.

Mr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, briefly recapped the information presented at the November 15 Board meeting. He informed the Board that the total proposed levy increase over last year for the district's capped funds is 4.95%. He said the notice of the hearing was published in the *Journal and Topics* on December 12 and the deadline for filing the 2018 levy is December 25. Mr. Parisi stated that after the tax cap application, the final 2018 tax extension is projected to be lower than the levy request. As such, the district must submit documentation of fund reductions to coincide with the final extension. In the likely event that the 2018 levy must be reduced, he said it is recommended that 100% of the reduction be made from the Education Fund.

President Sonnefeldt asked if the Board had any questions. There were comments and some discussion by the Board. President Sonnefeldt then asked if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board regarding the Tax Levy but no one did. President Sonnefeldt closed the hearing and said the levy would be voted on later in the meeting under New Business.

### **Communications**

#### **Board of Education**

*NSSEO:* Member Maye reported on the December 5 meeting. He said an issue came up about IDEA funds which are federal grant dollars that ISBE distributes to districts through co-ops. This is now seen as improper and ISBE will start as of July 1, 2019, distributing the money directly to districts. NSSEO, along with other co-ops, is opposed to this and is recommending to ISBE a delay in implementing this change. Member Maye said District 214 is opposed to taking a vote on this. President Sonnefeldt asked Mr. Parisi about his thoughts on this. Mr. Parisi commented that maybe in some areas it would do away with some co-ops and that District 57 works very well with NSSEO. It appears to be a massive undertaking with little direction. Superintendent Aumiller said with the recent election, there are massive changes with ISBE. Board members agreed it is better to wait on this.

*Education Foundation:* Member Chung attended the December 12 meeting. She said the Foundation approved grant requests. The Spring Gala will be April 6 at Victoria in the Park and the Foundation will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The next meeting is January 9 at Westbrook.

*PTO Reports:* Member Kowalczyk reported on the Fairview PTO meeting and events at the school.

*Board President's Report:* President Sonnefeldt asked Vice President Kowalczyk, who voted on the resolutions at the Delegate Assembly at the Tri-conference, to comment. She said the one big contentious topic was Student Safety and Protection and trying to decide about school staff having guns. She said the vote was 200 no votes to 170 yes votes. She also attended a session about an active shooter. President Sonnefeldt attended a Friday workshop about personality types which he said was very good and that he would recommend. He attended a session on Saturday regarding new trends in designing learning spaces and another on positive behavior and intervention. He commented that most Boards have a high number of members attending the Tri-conference and feels it is very beneficial. He encouraged members to plan on attending next year.

## 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. Four people addressed the Board regarding the cost of childcare through Kids' Corner and asking that fees be lowered.

## Staff Reports

### 2019-2020 Student Fees Presentation

Mr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, did a presentation on student fees. He said curriculum and Kids' Corner fees have remained the same since 2011-12 and transportation fees since 2012-13. There has been an early registration discount in place since the 2009-10 school year and approximately 82% of families take advantage of that discount. Our student enrollment is 2,241 excluding the early childhood program. The transportation fees are \$375 for early registration and \$450 starting mid-June. The cost per bus is \$52,000 which the fees do not cover. About 5% of students are approved for fee waivers which includes transportation. Mr. Parisi said Kids' Corner enrollment stays fairly consistent year-to-year. He explained that the Kids' Corner positions are difficult to fill. He showed two scenarios where transportation and Kids' Corner fees would be reduced and how negatively that would affect the fund balances.

Board discussion followed Mr. Parisi's presentation. Some Board members said they thought families with maybe three riders should receive about a \$200 discount and maybe Kids' Corner fees could be lowered 25%. The district earns money on Kids' Corner but loses money on transportation. There was some talk about possibly outsourcing Kids' Corner because the district is not mandated to provide childcare. President Sonnefeldt said he supports keeping fees flat but suggested that, if the Board wants to lower fees, consider lowering curriculum fees where every family would benefit instead of just families who use transportation or Kids' Corner. The Board asked Mr. Parisi to do two scenarios. They would like to see a scenario where a family would receive a \$50 discount on transportation for every additional rider. They would also like to see a scenario with Kids' Corner fees lowered 25% and a break-even point for Kids' Corner. Student Fees will be on the agenda for approval at the January 24 meeting.

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Aumiller

- Reported on five Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
  - 1) A request was received on November 26 from Christina Quesada. She requested ELL policies adopted prior to April 6, 2017. We sent her copies of three previous ELL policies.
  - 2) On December 6 a request was received from Anthony Drabik. He requested the district's most recent electricity supplier contract and a recent electricity invoice. We sent him a copy of the Product Supply Selection Agreement, a pricing notice and an invoice.
  - 3) The third request was received on December 7 from Samantha Van Buren. She requested the amount of money each after-school program or outside club pays District 57 for facility maintenance and use and a list of all groups that use every District 57 building after school. We responded on December 13 and informed her that all groups are student groups and with the exception of Mount Prospect Park District they pay \$0 in fees. District 57 and the Park District have an Intergovernmental Agreement in place. We also informed her that as far as indirect costs go, an analysis of utility costs for Kids' Corner was completed January 2017. The total costs of the program were just above \$7,300 which is a small fraction of the cost of running the program. A majority of the costs for Kids' Corner is for salary and benefits for staff. A list was provided of the organizations that use each building that included the Park District, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Education Foundation, PTOs and cheerleaders.
  - 4) A request was received on December 14 from Denise Burton of Bishop Plumbing. She requested a list of RPZ devices in the district. We responded on December 20 and provided a spreadsheet with the information requested.

5) We received the fifth request on December 14 from Samantha Van Buren. She requested for Kids' Corner a profit/loss statement, salaries of every District 57 Kids' Corner employee, the cost of running the program showing the amount of money generated as a profit, and a statement as to where the excess profit money goes. We responded on December 20 and sent here the Kids' Corner Cost Summary Report that was done for the 2015-16 school year. We also informed her that when the analysis was completed only Kids' Corner direct staff members' salaries and benefits were broken down. It did not include the percentage of salaries from all others involved in the program. The excess dollars are booked as Other Revenue in the District's Annual Budget and if new equipment is needed it comes out of the District's Annual Budget.

- Stated that the 2019-20 calendar reflects starting school next August a week later as a result of the community survey. She said the calendar would be for approval on the agenda of the January 24 meeting.
- Referenced the memo in the Board packet from Cassie Black, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, regarding FY19 Extended School Year (ESY) and Summer Band and Orchestra.

**Consent Agenda**

President Sonnefeldt presented the Consent Agenda. He pulled the minutes because Member Maye was not present at the November 15 meeting. He asked if any Member wanted any other item pulled, but no one did. Member McCluskey reviewed the bills and everything was in order. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Member Chung moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 15, 2018 – Open Session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the remaining items 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 employment of the following ESP individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Liliana Faber	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	11/29/18	\$13.50/hour
Anna Landsnes	Instructional Assistant	Fairview	1/7/19	\$13.50/hour
Jonathan Stoesser	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	11/26/18	\$13.50/hour

Accept the retirement of the following ESP employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Scott Nordlund	Custodian	Lincoln	1/4/19

Accept the resignation of the following ESP employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Evica Brusin	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	11/15/18

- Item 3. Financial Report – November 2018  
 Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills  
 Item 5. Accept FY18 Financial Audit

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kobus, Kowalczyk, Maye, Chung, Sonnefeldt  
 No: None  
 Absent: Maye, McCluskey 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. Three people addressed the Board. The first person asked when the bus contracts are up and Mr. Parisi answered after next year. The contract would be renegotiated for the 2020-21 school year. The next two people had questions about November 27, the day the electricity went out at Lincoln. Superintendent Aumiller explained that at 6:00 a.m. on November 27 the facility supervisor realized the power was off at Lincoln. It took 50 minutes to get through to Com Ed and Com Ed said the power would not be on until 1:00 a.m. The timing of the incident couldn't have been worse. Administration has reviewed procedures so that if anything like this happens again, it would be handled better. The Board discussed the situation and it was decided to have Principal Suminski attend the January meeting to review for the Board the sequence of events that day.

## New Business

1. Approve Resolution 181220 Authorizing Levy and Reduction of Certain Fun Levies for the 2018 Levy Year  
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 approve the 2018 Tax Levy. Vice President Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Member Chung, to
  - 1) Approve the Certificate of Tax Levy for the 2018 Tax Levy
  - 2) Approve the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance; and
  - 3) Approve Resolution 181220 Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2018 Levy Year.

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kowalczyk, Maye, Chung, Kobus, Sonnefeldt

No: None

Absent: Composto, McCluskey Motion carried.

2. First Read of the Following Board of Education Policies  
President Sonnefeldt said Vice President Kowalczyk and Member Maye met with Dr. Aumiller to review the policies. These policies were from the October/November 2018 PRESS packet and were mostly updates. The following policies were for first read
  - 2:70 – Vacancies on the School Board – Filling Vacancies
  - 2:80 – Board Member Oath and Conduct
  - 2:120 – Board Member Development
  - 2:150 – Committees
  - 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
  - 3:40 – Superintendent
  - 4:15 – Identity Protection
  - 4:45 – Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery
  - 4:130 – Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
  - 4:170 – Safety
  - 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
  - 5:20 – Workplace Harassment Prohibited
  - 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria
  - 5:60 – Expenses
  - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
  - 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
  - 5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
  - 5:220 – Substitute Teachers

- 5:230 – Maintaining Student Discipline
- 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:50 – School Wellness
- 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- 6:200 – Instructional Arrangements
- 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy
- 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:190 – Student Behavior
- 7:200 – Suspension Procedures
- 7:250 – Student Support Services
- 7:260 – Exemption from Physical Education
- 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:290 – Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

President Sonnefeldt asked if any Board member had any questions or comments. There was discussion regarding Policy 6:200 regarding class sizes. There was concern that people will just look at a number and that the ranges need to be bigger to give the Superintendent flexibility. Superintendent Aumiller said the Policy Committee would bring a revised version back to the Board. President Sonnefeldt said the policies would be on the January 24 agenda for approval.

### **Board Discussion**

#### **Spring Community Forum Date and Topic**

President Sonnefeldt said the Board usually holds a Community Forum in February or March. Member Chung suggested that the forum could be about the TIF and how it affects District 57. She suggested inviting Mike Cassidy, Village Manager. President Sonnefeldt said maybe there could be a panel with Mike Cassidy and Nick Papanicholas. The Board is considering March 11, 12, or 13 and holding it at Westbrook.

#### **Closed Session**

President Sonnefeldt said there was a need for closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. He said no action would be taken after closed session and entertained a motion. Member Chung moved, seconded by Member Maye, to move into closed session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Maye, Chung, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Sonnefeldt

No: None

Absent: Composto, McCluskey                      Motion carried.

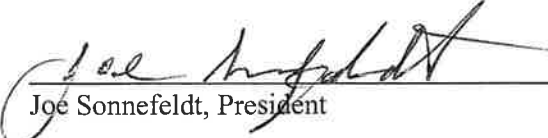
#### **Regular Session**

Vice President Kowalczyk made a motion, seconded by Member Chung, to return to open session. All members present voted yes and the Board reconvened into open session at 9:25 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Kowalczyk made a motion, seconded by Member Maye, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted yes and the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

  
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 Virginia Webster, Secretary

  
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 Joe Sonnefeldt, President

Date of approval: January 24, 2019