



Board of Education

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President Joe Sonnefeldt called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of September 27, 2018, to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Dennis Composto, Brian Maye, and Joe Sonnefeldt. Gerald McCluskey arrived at 7:01 p.m. and Eileen Kowalczyk arrived at 7:31 p.m. Absent: Jennifer Kobus.

Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 7/1/18 to 6/30/19 Budget

President Sonnefeldt called to order the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 7/1/18 to 6/30/19 Budget at 7:01 p.m. He referred to Mr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, who commented on the following:

- The budget is an ever-changing policy document that projects revenues and expenditures. The Strategic Plan is the driving force behind the budget.
- A notice of the public hearing and availability of the tentative budget for public inspection was published in the *Journal*.
- Reviewed the budget calendar and the 2018-2019 instructional initiatives.
- Explained the changes from the tentative budget including
 - Reflection of actual salaries and benefits for new staff hired since early August 2018.
 - Increase of FTEs at schools.
 - Increase of Special Education students at private facilities and NSSEO programs.
- Reviewed the revenues and expenditures.
- The FY19 budget reflects
 - Aggregate fund balance estimated to increase by \$2,337,291.
 - An operating budget that calls for a balanced budget and an increase of \$6,156,210.
- Informed the Board of construction projects and capital expenditures that are driven by the Master Facility Plan.
 - \$4M set aside for FY19.
 - Possible expansion at Fairview School.
 - Improve air quality at Lincoln.
 - Additional projects that will be discussed at the October 18, 2018 meeting.
- Explained future financial challenges of
 - Increasing enrollment and ongoing space issues.
 - Aging Lincoln and administration buildings.
 - TRS future cost shift scenarios.
 - Property tax freezes.
- Assuming the Board passes the budget later in the meeting, the budget must be filed with the County Clerk and the Illinois State Board of Education within 30 days of adoption.

President Sonnefeldt said the Board would discuss the budget later in the meeting when they would vote on it. He asked if anyone from the audience wished to comment on the budget but no one commented or had questions. Hearing no comments, President Sonnefeldt closed the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 7/1/18 to 6/30/19 Official Budget at 7:09 p.m.

Communications

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NSSEO: Member Maye said he attended the September 5 meeting and said he was very impressed with NSSEO and stated that District 57 is lucky to part of it. He reported that NSSEO approved the purchase of a Chevy Suburban and that their goal is to have a fleet of these to reduce the cost of transportation. They also approved funding the final phase of a project developing a vacant field at Kirk School which started in 2013.

The Director of Sun Rise Lake Outdoor Recreational Center gave a report on the camp that is for students to learn through experience. NSSEO is celebrating their 50th year with a gala on November 4 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ale House. *Education Foundation:* Member Chung attended the September 12 meeting and said the fundraiser at Mod Pizza was a huge success and raised \$2,783.91. The fall event is Friday, October 19, at The Red Barn from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and advance tickets are still available online at \$30. The fall grant cycle application deadline is also October 19. The applications will be reviewed at the November meeting and applicants will find out before Thanksgiving. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. and will probably be at The Red Barn. *PTO Reports:* Member Composto (Westbrook), Member Chung for Member Kobus (Lions Park), and Member Chung for Member McCluskey (Lincoln) reported on PTO meetings and events at the schools.

Board President's Report: President Sonnefeldt

- Said the Board Agreements were in the packet and thanked the Board members for their input.
- Informed the Board that the October 4 meeting was cancelled.
- Reminded the Board that the October 11 Community Forum would be held at Westbrook at 7:00 p.m. and the Board would discuss information for the forum later in the meeting under Board Discussion.
- Stated that the Board would receive the 2018 School Board Governance Recognition Award at the October 24 North Cook IASB dinner and encouraged all Board members to attend.

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 the Board President or an administrator would contact them with the information. Three people addressed the Board.

- The first person commented about the development in downtown Mount Prospect and stated that the Board, administration, and the community need to get involved in it. She shared concerns about the increase in enrollment in District 57 from new buildings. Some Board discussion followed regarding trying to get some funds for the district for the additional students that would be enrolling from these areas.
- The second person said at the last meeting the Board said they were going to check on the developments and wondered if the Board had found out anything regarding the number of students expected from the new developments. President Sonnefeldt shared the numbers we obtained.
- The third person said District 15 streams their Board meetings and asked if District 57 would look into streaming the meetings.

Staff Reports

● Enrollment Study

Superintendent Aumiller presented the Enrollment Study. The report provided a summary of the district's 2018-2019 grade level enrollment data and compares it with prior year enrollments. The district's current K-8 in-district enrollment is 2,229. The enrollment shows an overall increase of 354 students, or approximately 16% over the past 20 years. In the ten-year period from 2009 through 2019, there was an increase of 222 students or 10%. She reviewed the enrollment by school and grade level from 2014 to 2019 and said the data indicates a steady district enrollment with a nominal steady increase. The number of students going from Westbrook to Fairview and Lions Park is pretty balanced with 51% in the Fairview attendance area and 49% in the Lions Park area. Dr. Aumiller said administration is always monitoring class size, although there are no firm numbers. She said administration prefers to use the former guidelines of K-Grade 2 of 20-23 students per section and Grade 3-Grade 5 of 22-25. Financial and operational resources prohibited this implementation and until this school year class sizes were typically 23-27. With the passing of the referendum, this year class ranges are 21-27. The ability to lower class size is contingent on actual classroom space availability.

Superintendent Aumiller reviewed the five year projections which show an increase of 93 students by the 2023-24 school year. Our transfers of new students to District 57 exceeds the transfer-outs. Many of the new students come from multilingual homes and administration monitors this impact on our EL staffing. She said space at Fairview is a concern and there is probably a need for additional classrooms. Lions Park is

projected to need 21 sections for the 2019-20 school year and it has capacity for 23 sections. Lincoln will continue to be very full but should have adequate space for the next three years. After that, doubling up of classrooms may be required as enrollments are projected to exceed 800 at Lincoln in the 2021-22 school year. Board discussion followed the presentation and Superintendent Aumiller answered questions from the Board.

- PARCC 2018 Results

Ms. Cassie Black, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented results from the spring 2018 PARCC testing. PARCC tests measure how well students have learned grade-level material in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. She said the tests include questions that measure students' fundamental skills and knowledge and require students to think critically, solve problems, and support or explain their answers. She said the results would be available for the public when the Illinois School Report Cards are released from the Illinois State Board of Education on October 31. Ms. Black shared the cross-state, state, district, and school averages to show how the performance of District 57 students compares to that of other students. District 57 students did very well. She said the district and building level teams review the data for curriculum analysis and planning. We will continue to focus on providing students with opportunities to think critically, analyze text structures or solve problems. The district is piloting two different writing programs and will bring a recommendation to the Board in the spring. Ms. Black answered questions from the Board. She said cross-state data is the aggregation of all seven states that participated in PARCC. Someone asked if PARCC will continue but Ms. Black said the state is adopting something a little different and in a few years it will be an adaptive assessment. Another Board member questioned why only 142,000 students were tested and Ms. Black said students can opt out of the testing. Someone else was excited that grade 7 math 'Meet and Exceed' category went up 9% which she said supports the success of the extra math minutes. Ms. Black commented that the data is preliminary but very encouraging.

- Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Aumiller reported on two items.

- 1) She informed the Board that we received two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
 - o The first request was received on September 3 from Richard Olejnik and he requested the superintendent's contract including amendments and performance goals that the superintendent is being measured against for the current school year. She said we responded on September 4 and sent him a copy of her contract which included her performance goals.
 - o The second request was dated September 13 from James Steiner. He requested personal record and electronic communication information for his son Gavin Steiner from May 2017 to present. We contacted him when the information was ready and he picked it up on September 21.
- 2) She referred to two reports that were in the Board packet. The first report was for all employees with a compensation package over \$75,000. The second report is required to be reported to ISBE by October 1 and shows previous year's base salary and benefits for all administrators and teaching staff. Both reports would be posted to the district's website on September 28 per School Code.

Consent Agenda

President Sonnefeldt presented the Consent Agenda. He said there was a need to pull the minutes of the August 23 meeting because Member Composto was not present at that meeting. He asked if anyone had any other item they wanted pulled from the Consent Agenda but no one did. Member Chung reviewed the bills and said everything was in order. She did comment on the huge increase in interest the district earned. She said in August 2017 the district earned \$9,647 in interest and in August 2018, the interest was \$26,839. Mr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, said the higher interest was the result of the referendum and higher fund balance and, as Treasurer, he has looked into more money markets, and that the economy now has the highest rate in the last 11 years. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the August 23 meeting. Member Chung moved, seconded by Member Maye, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of August 23, 2018 – Open Session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Kowalczyk, Maye, McCluskey, Sonnefeldt

No: None
 Abstain: Composto
 Absent: Kobus Motion carried.

President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the remaining items of the Consent Agenda. Vice President Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Member Maye, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda.

- Item 1. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 6, 2018 – Open and Closed Sessions
 Item 2. Personnel Transactions

Approve the employment of the following certified individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kristin Merrill	Teacher – Art	Lions Park	8/28/18	*\$43,817

*Salary is for 171 days and includes Board paid TRS

Approve the employment of the following ESP individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Sherri DeRicco	Instructional Assistant She previously worked for District 57	Fairview	8/27/18	\$14.18/hour
David Enriquez	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	9/18/18	\$13.50/hour
Andrew Kuczek	Custodian	Lincoln	9/19/18	\$13.75/hour
Samantha Mangrum	Instructional Assistant	Fairview	8/27/18	\$13.50/hour
Joseph Monaco	Custodian/Courier (.68 FTE)	Admin	9/4/18	\$13.75/hour
Ryan Nielsen	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	8/28/18	\$13.50/hour
Thomas Pandaleon	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	9/19/18	\$13.50/hour
Ryan Skowron	Kids' Corner Asst. (.64 FTE)	Fairview	8/23/18	\$11.00/hour

Accept the resignation of the following ESP employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kimberly Galloway	Nurse	Fairview	10/4/18

Accept the retirement of the following ESP employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Janice Bradley	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	1/1/19
Jacqueline Pfister	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	11/30/18
Gerald Windels	Custodian/Courier (.5 FTE)	Admin	8/24/18

- Item 3. Financial Reports – August 2018
 Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills

Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

Unfinished Business

1. Approve Official FY19 Budget

President Sonnefeldt asked if the Board had any questions regarding the budget. Member Chung commented about the projections this year in July instead of June and Mr. Parisi said he would like the projections permanently changed to July because of more accuracy by that time. President Sonnefeldt also agreed with that. Member McCluskey asked if the \$4M in construction would cover Fairview additions and Mr. Parisi answered yes. President Sonnefeldt clarified that the Board adopting the budget did not approve the Fairview additions. He also thanked the community for passing the referendum and said it is nice to have a balanced budget with a surplus instead of the terrible cuts that were made his first year on the Board.

President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the budget. Member Chung moved, seconded by Vice President Kowalczyk, to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

Community Comments

President Sonnefeldt said this was the second opportunity if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board. Several people addressed the Board regarding the frustration of not being able to have two-way conversation with the Board, the village plans to redevelop areas including the triangle area, the Chase building, and the current Police and Fire Department sites. There was a lot of concern about the number of students that could be enrolling in District 57 from these developments and that action has to be taken now to try and get money from the developer for the school district. One gentleman spoke about a program his business offers that teaches foreign languages and that First Student would provide transportation from the school to the downtown location. They would also provide the instruction and transportation for the other half of day for a.m. or p.m. kindergarteners. Another person commented that the District 214 settlement properties were taken out of the TIF and that maybe District 57 should contact District 214 about what properties are considered surplus. There was also a suggestion that it would be great if there could be podcasts of the Board of Education meetings. Someone spoke about the difficult job of the Board and that parents and community want instant gratification but the results of many Board decisions are sometimes not seen for many years. The last person asked the Board to consider lowering some of the fees especially those for bus and Kids' Corner.

New Business

None

Board Discussion – October 11 Community Forum

President Sonnefeldt said the presentation for the Community Forum would include enrollment information, highlights of the budget and new revenue, and preliminary talk of building expansion which the Board won't discuss until after the forum. Board members suggested revisiting facilities long and short term plans, mentioning the next Board election, and maybe explain with \$2.3M surplus that the referendum was really needed. They also discussed the format of the forum. President Sonnefeldt said the Board would see the PowerPoint in advance.

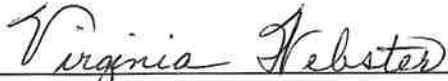
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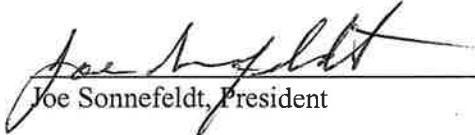
President Sonnefeldt said there was no need for closed session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Kowalczyk made a motion, seconded by Member Composto, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Maye, McCluskey, Chung, Composto, Kowalczyk, Sonnefeldt
 No: None
 Absent: Kobus Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.


 Virginia Webster, Secretary


 Joe Sonnefeldt, President

Date of approval: October 18, 2018