

AUGUST 26, 2019
WILMETTE, IL
BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing on the Budgets was held by the Board of Education on Monday, August 26, 2019, at the Mikaelian Education Center, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois. President Lisa Schneider-Fabes called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Jon Cesaretti, Frank Panzica, Amy Poehling,
 Mark Steen, Ellen Sternweiler, Erin Stone

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Kari Cremascoli, Ellen Crispino, Heather Glowacki, Katie Lee,
 Kristin Swanson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Kristin Swanson, Angela DeMay and Debbie Cooper introduced Summer Enrichment Program students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Schneider-Fabes read an announcement requesting everyone be respectful of each other, only speak when called upon, and refrain from distracting behaviors such as such as loud conversations, cheering, clapping, or booing.

BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR WILMETTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 39

Dr. Cremascoli stated the Board approved a tentative Fiscal Year 2020 budget at the May 20th Board meeting. She noted after Board approval, the budget would be submitted to the Regional Office of Education (ROE) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

Mrs. Crispino highlighted changes in the final Operating Funds budget compared to the tentative budget presented last May. She noted the Operating Funds make up 98% of the total revenue budget. She noted revenue in Operating Funds, excluding On Behalf Revenue, increased by \$1,025,000. She stated 79% (\$50.6M) are allocated to the Educational Fund. She added that 14% (\$9.3M) are allocated to the Operations & Maintenance Fund for repairs, cleaning, maintenance of buildings, utility costs and facility improvement projects.

Mrs. Crispino reviewed the break out of operating expenditures by fund. She stated all Operating Fund Expenditures are in the Educational Fund (83% or \$51.6M). Salaries and Benefits account for \$45.2M or 88%. Mrs. Crispino reported Operating Expenditures increased by \$351,000 from the tentative budget presented in May, due to adding \$148K toward salary and benefits for two teachers based on current enrollment.

Mrs. Crispino reported the Non-Operating Funds is a combination of Debt Service, Capital Projects, and Fire Prevention/Life Safety funds. The estimates are for combined revenues and other sources of \$9.5M including the \$7.0M transferred from the O&M Fund for construction. Expenditures of \$9.3M include \$7M of construction and \$2.3M of debt service payments. This is projected to yeild an ending fund balance of \$1.8M on June 30, 2020.

Mrs. Crispino reported the All Funds Summary shows a deficit of (\$1.6M) anticipated for one-time capital construction projects.

BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR WILMETTE COMMUNITY SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT (WCSEA)

Dr. Cremascoli stated District 39 continues to serve as the fiscal agent for WCSEA. She noted WCSEA provides a special education financial umbrella for District 39 and Avoca School District 37. The Illinois State Board of Education Funding and Disbursement Services Division requires WCSEA to keep separate accounting records and to follow the same Illinois State budget guidelines that are required of all Illinois school districts. The budget provides a “flow through” mechanism to distribute state/federal funds to both school systems.

Mrs. Crispino stated WCSEA revenue and expenses are equal at \$192K with funds flowing in from the State and out to member districts. She added once the final budgets are adopted they will be submitted to the ROE, Cook County Clerk and ISBE. IDEA grant funds flow to districts rather than to the cooperatives.

BOARD DISCUSSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nina Freedman, Wilmette, licensed clinical social worker, stated that via hearsay, the WJHS bathroom incident was addressed by school and police. She was concerned about there not being any follow up communication.

Jen Marzuk, Wilmette, also had concerns about the follow up to the WJHS incident. She attended a zoning board meeting where neighbors referred to the Jewish community as ‘those people’. She said consequences need to be publicly known so people know it will not be tolerated.

Joel Kurzman, Wilmette, also referred to the zoning board incident. He agreed that public follow through is needed to have closure on the incident.

ADJOURN TO PUBLIC BOND HEARING

Mr. Panzica moved, seconded by Mr. Steen, to adjourn to the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The budget hearing adjourned at 7:23 p.m. by **General Consent.**

President

Secretary