

Monday, December 14, 2020
Regular Business/Educational Focus
Board of Education Meeting

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Moment of Silence for Dr. Scott Helton

Donna Cain, Board President asked for a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Scott Helton. Dr. Helton passed away on December 10, 2020. Dr. Helton had more than 33 years of experience in education and served in a variety of capacities, including as Principal of Addison Trail for 11 years and as Superintendent of District 88 since 2012.

Recognition of District 88 Successes

88's Best Students

88's Best Students Fawzan Ali from Addison Trail and Thomas Florey from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of December. The students were congratulated on their many accomplishments. The students thanked the Board, their teachers and their families for support.

Virtual Extracurricular Highlights

A video was shared that highlighted how District 88 is implementing extracurricular activities this school year. The video showcased the various and innovative ways in which club sponsors and coaches are connecting with and caring for students to keep them engaged in a virtual/remote environment.

Public Hearing On the 2020 Tax Levy

The proposed tax levy for 2020 was reviewed during the October 19, 2020, and November 16, 2020 Board meetings. During the November 16, 2020, meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2020 in the amount of \$59,035,512. That request represents a 4.9 percent increase over the previous year. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 are \$10,595,519.00 representing a 2.42% decrease over the previous year. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$69,631,031.00. representing a 3.71% increase over the previous year. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, a notice was published on December 2, 2020, that public comments would be heard at the December 14, 2020, meeting. The public hearing was opened during the December 14, 2020 Board meeting for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2020 proposed tax levy.

Educational Focus Item

2021-2022 New Course Proposals and Spring 2021 Instructional Enhancements

Mrs. Yvonne Tsagalis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided an update on District 88's new course proposals for the 2021-2022 school year. The new courses that will be available to students are: Auto Tech 6, Advanced Music Production, Introduction to Engineering and Manufacturing which will include an apprenticeship opportunity, Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science Principles, Tier 3 Intervention Support, and Equity and Justice in America, which has been written as a dual credit course with Elmhurst University. Additionally, Mrs. Tsagalis introduced instructional enhancements that will be used to support students during the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

Separate Action items, which include the following were approved by the Board:

- A. Adoption of Property Tax Levy 2020
- B. Treasurer's Report for November 2020
- C. Budget Status Report for November 2020
- D. List of Bills for November 2020
- E. List of Bills Vendor Payments- November 12- December 9, 2020
- F. Architect/Engineer Service Proposal - Roof Replacement Project
- G. Architect/Engineer Service Proposal - North Tennis Court Reconstruction Project
- H. Architect/Engineer Service Proposal - West Drive Pavement Project
- I. Pay Application #2 for PNK
- J. Construction Project Pay Application #7- District Office HVAC
- K. Personnel

CLASSIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENT:

Jennifer Martin

Willowbrook Special Education Teacher Aide

Effective: December 14, 2020

CLASSIFIED STAFF REHIRE:

Cara Kluczny

Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide

Effective: December 07, 2020

CLASSIFIED MID-MANAGEMENT STAFF INTERMITTENT UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Guadalupe Blanco

Title One Interpreter/Translator

Effective: January 12, 2021 – March 18, 2021.

CLASSIFIED STAFF UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST:

Bryan Thede

Addison Trail Special Education Teacher Aide

Effective: November 16, 2020 – February 01, 2021

CLASSIFIED STAFF RETIREMENT:

Susanna Nolte

Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide

Effective: December 18, 2020 at which time Sue will have completed 11 years of service with District 88.

CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION:

Sydney Gutierrez

Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide

Effective: December 31, 2020

- L. Meeting minutes from November 9, 2020, through December 3, 2020.

Information/Discussion Items

Credit Card Summary

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the district's credit card use report for November 2020, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.

Post Issuance Tax Compliance Report

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, provided details to the Board of Education pertaining to the Post Debt Issuance Tax Compliance Report for 2020. Mr. Hoster shared that the district is in compliance with the applicable tax law requirements.

Villa Park Garden Station TIF Developer Proposal

Chief Financial Officer, Edward Hoster, shared details pertaining to the developer proposal of the Villa Park Garden Station TIF (Tax Incremental Financing District). Mr. Hoster explained that this was discussed with the board finance committee and all agree that this is not in the district's best financial interest to consider supporting the request from the Village and developer.

Freedom of Information Act

Request Number One:

Every December, the district files a "certificate of levy" with the County Clerk's office. Please provide your copy of the file stamped "levy" for tax years:

- * 2002 Levy (Filed December 2002)
- * 2008 Levy (Filed December 2008)
- * 2014 Levy (Filed December 2014)

Request Number Two:

Based upon records maintained by the County Clerk, around the 1st of March the district receives a "tax extension" communication from the County Clerk which reflects the various tax year records previously filed by the district: a) the actual operating tax levy(s) (example, #1 above), b) all bond and interest levy(s) filed at time of bond sale, c) all bond and interest levy abatement(s) filed for a particular bond, and d) all abatement(s) for current tax year operating fund(s) approved by the board after the initial levy filing (#1). In addition to the cover page letter and the preliminary tax extension report pages, there is a "Confirmation Form". This request is for the communication sent to the district for tax years 2002, 2008, and 2014 which should be dated on or around March 1st. In addition to the inbound communique, this request is also for a copy of the outbound communication back to the County Clerk (early March) which would include the signed and dated "Confirmation Form". Also, if for some reason, there are additional communication records regarding the preliminary tax extension reports, please include those as well. We have attached a sample of the records requested. (See attached pdf file "Request #2")

- * Tax year 2002: Received on or around March 1, 2003
- * Tax year 2008: Received on or around March 1, 2009
- * Tax year 2014: Received on or around March 1, 2015

Request Number Three:

Based upon records maintained by the County Clerk, around the last week in March, the County Clerk sends to all taxing districts in DuPage a tentative "extension" report/packet indicating what the Clerk has recorded as the levies for the current tax year and the Clerk's calculation of all fund rates and all total tax rates. Traditionally, the County Clerk provides a week (7 days) for a final review of the tentative "extension" report and the reporting of any errors, announcement of any additional abatements, etc. In addition to the cover page letter, the County Clerk delivers: a) a worksheet depicting the 20xx Tentative Tax Rates and Tax Extensions, b) The 20xx equalized billing value, new construction, annexed and disconnected values by property class which are used to calculate the Limiting Rate, c) The Limiting Rate formula sheet, and d) the Rate Re-Allocation Form, if applicable to your district. This request is for the communication (late March 20xx) sent by the County Clerk to the district for tax years 2002, 2008, and 2014 which should be dated on or around March 2x, 20xx. In addition to the inbound communique, this request is also for a copy of all of the outbound communications sent back to the County Clerk (late March 20xx) which would include the signed and dated "Rate Reallocation Form". Also, if for some reason, there are additional communication records regarding the late-March tentative tax extension reports, please include those as well. We have attached a sample of the records requested. (See attached pdf file "Request #3")

- * Tax year 2002: Received on or around March 2x, 2003
- * Tax year 2008: Received on or around March 2x, 2009
- * Tax year 2014: Received on or around March 2x, 2015

Request Number Four:

Based upon records maintained by the County Clerk, sometime in late April or early May, the County Clerk sends to all taxing districts in DuPage a final "extension" report/packet indicating what the Clerk has recorded as the final extensions for the current tax year and the Clerk's calculation of all fund rates and all total rates. This request is for tax years 2002, 2008, and 2014 and which should be dated late April or on or around March 1st. for the communication (April 2015) sent by the County Clerk to the district for tax year 2014. We have attached a sample of the records requested. (See attached pdf file "Request #4")

- * Tax year 2002: Received on or around April/May 2003
- * Tax year 2008: Received on or around April/May 2009
- * Tax year 2014: Received on or around April/May 2015

FOIA request was sent to B3YD7H29K4@protonmail.com on December 1, 2020.

On November 30, 2020, DuPage High School District 88 received a request via email from Stephen A. Holifield, SSgt,USAF, for the following information through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):

Directory information for all juniors and seniors attending Addison Trail High School, and Willowbrook High School. Directory information for military recruitment purposes includes full name, phone number, address, email address as well as any additional information provided to colleges and employers. Please see attached letter for additional information.

FOIA request was sent to Stephen A. Holifield, SSgt,USAF, at stephen.holifield.2@us.af.mil on December 4, 2020.

On December 8, 2020, DuPage High School District 88 received an anonymous request via email for the following information through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):

Please deliver, *as soon as time permits*, the Excel-version of the approved ISBE 2021 Budget (.xls) via an email attachment to the address stated below. Given the nature of this request and the fact that the Excel file (which is the format which must be ultimately submitted to the ISBE) has already been submitted to the ISBE in advance of the October 1st deadline, the turnaround time on this request should be no more than 1 business day.

FOIA request was sent to mccxv@hush.com on December 9, 2020.

School Recognitions

Addison Trail- Mrs. Niewinski reported:

- The 36th Annual Toy Drive for Toys for Tots took place through the Addison Township. Thank you to faculty, staff and sponsors for helping to make this a success.
- Congratulations to the 36 December graduates that were recognized by the Guidance Department and Administration.
- On Wednesday, December 16, 2020 the Music Department will host a virtual Holiday Concert.
- Hot cocoa bombs will be distributed by the Student Council on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at door #5.
- Thursday, December 17 is Ugly Sweater Day and as well as the opportunity to join in a game of Bingo hosted by the Student Council.

- The AT News Crew has invited staff and students to submit a recording sharing a holiday message or tradition.

Willowbrook- Dr. Krause reported:

- We are beginning the final week of the first semester.
- The music department will showcase three concerts this week.
- Last Friday, Interact Club held a virtual game night with approximately 50 students and five staff members participating.
- The Speech Team placed 5th overall in their recent tournament hosted virtually by Willowbrook.
- Student Council delivered Warrior Project gifts to 27 families supported through the York Township Food Pantry.
- Student Council hosted Five Days Of Trivia last week for students and is hosting the event this week for staff.
- This week, Blue Crew is hosting a Spirit Week with a different theme each day.
- December 2nd students were honored at the Outstanding Student Recognition.
- January 5th we will kick off the second semester with institute day.
- The first week we return from Winter Break, alumni will hold a presentation regarding AP and Dual Credit courses.
- The Curriculum Showcase will be virtual on January 20, 2021.
- We will welcome the Class of 2025 on January 20, 2021.

Action Necessitated by Closed Session

The Board of Education approved the Adoption of Resolution of Closed Session Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2020 through October 19, 2020 to remain classified.

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. Jean Barbanente to the position of Interim Superintendent for the period of December 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Jack Andrews to the position of Interim Director of Human Resources for the period of December 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the District 88 Boardroom (unless otherwise noted)

Monday, January 11, 2021: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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