

AUGUST 28, 2023
WILMETTE, IL
BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing on the Budgets was held by the Board of Education on Monday, August 28, 2023, at the Mikaelian Education Center, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois. President Erin Stone called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Erin Stone, Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Bonnie Kim, Allyson Paflas, Amy Poehling, Lisa Schneider-Fabes

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Kari Cremascoli, Corey Bultemeier, Tony DeMonte, Heather Glowacki, Kristin Swanson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Dana Nasiakos introduced Summer Enrichment students who shared highlights of their summer school experiences and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF RECOGNITION

The Board of Education and Administration recognized the custodial and maintenance teams for their hard work over the summer. Summer construction was especially rigorous with many projects taking place in six schools as well as within the District office. These projects included substantial deep cleaning in all spaces, upgrades to electrical systems, piping and HVAC systems, painting and important roofing projects. The custodial and maintenance teams were commended for their team work, arduous work, and all of their extra efforts.

CENTRAL SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dr. Cremascoli introduced Meghan Otto as the new Assistant Principal of Central Elementary School. Ms. Otto began her teaching career in 2016, spending two years teaching kindergarten, first, second, and third grades in Fishers, Indiana before teaching fourth grade for three-years in the same district, where she also undertook two principal internships. Those experiences helped her prepare for the transition into elementary school administration at Shenandoah Elementary School in Middletown, Indiana. As the assistant principal for the last two years, Ms. Otto played a key role in their support system for students with learning and behavioral struggles and collaborated with her teachers to redesign and implement a new Response to Intervention plan for reading and math.

BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR WILMETTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 39

Mr. Bultemeier stated the Board approved a tentative Fiscal Year 2024 budget last May. Mr. Bultemeier gave an Operating Funds summary noting total revenues were \$75,885,293 and total expenditures were \$70,171,604. For FY2024 the projected net surplus is \$1,550,544. The June 30, 2024 fund balance is estimated at \$31M.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Cesaretti asked if 40% fund balance reserves were maintained. Mr. Bultemeier confirmed staying above or near the 40% fund balance continues to be the goal for D39.

BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR WILMETTE COMMUNITY SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT (WCSEA)

Mr. Bultemeier stated District 39 continues to serve as the fiscal agent for WCSEA. 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. WCSEA revenues and expenditures are equal as this is a flow through entity from the state to the member districts (District 39 and Avoca). Mr. Bultemeier stated Fiscal Year 2024 WCSEA revenue and expenses are equal at \$213,828.

BOARD DISCUSSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to adjourn to the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The budget hearing adjourned at 7:22 p.m. by **General Consent.**

President

Secretary