

DECEMBER 12, 2016
WILMETTE, IL
LEVY HEARING

A Public Hearing on the Levy of the Board of Education was held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at the Mikaelian Education Center, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois. President Alice Schaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Alice Schaff, Kimberly Alcantara Tracy Kearney,
 Cindy Levine, Frank Panzica, Mark Steen

Members Absent: John Flanagin

Administrators Present: Ray Lechner, Gail Buscemi, Heather Glowacki, Denise Thrasher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Denise Welter introduced McKenzie fourth graders who actively participated in the Reading Rally program to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTWORK

Mrs. Schaff noted the artwork in the Boardroom was from Emilie Stevenson's Romona students. First graders experimented with oil pastels, watercolor, and tempera paints to make imaginary owls. Second graders created collaged landscapes inspired by fall colors and impressionist style brushwork. Third graders explored the art of still lives from contemporary and impressionist artists. Fourth graders learned how to create depth, perspective, and blend analogous colors to create chalk pastel landscapes.

PRESENTATION OF THE LEVY REQUEST

Mrs. Buscemi stated the levy request is based on several variables including the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of properties, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the value of new construction. The District's EAV is unknown at this time, but projects that EAV will remain flat. CPI is 0.7 %, and new property growth is estimated at \$39.3M. She noted the 2016 estimated levy represents a total increase of 3.40% or \$1,726,552 over the prior year's extension. The total aggregate levy estimate is \$52.5M.

Mrs. Buscemi stated during 2015, the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of property within the District's taxing boundaries decreased to \$1,450,514,728 or -2.64%. Based on projections of no increase in EAV, the 2016 tax levies for District 39 will be calculated against an EAV of \$1,450,514,728. However, when the County Clerk extends the taxes, the taxes will be against the actual 2016 EAV plus new property growth. Mrs. Buscemi reviewed the levy calendar and process.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF THE LEVY

Mrs. Kearney questioned how the \$8M for new construction growth is estimated.

AUDIENCE RESPONSE TO LEVY PRESENTATIONS

None

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Steen moved, seconded by Mr. Panzica to adjourn to the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The levy hearing adjourned at 7:09 p.m. by **General Consent**.

President

Secretary