

AUGUST 28, 2017
WILMETTE, IL
BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing on the Budgets was held by the Board of Education on Monday, August 28, 2017, 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: Mark Steen, Jon Cesaretti, Tracy Kearney, Frank Panzica, Alice Schaff,
 Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Ellen Sternweiler,

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Ray Lechner, Gail Buscemi, Heather Glowacki, Katie Lee,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Cindy Anderson introduced Romona students who shared their reasons for excitement about the new school year. The students then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR WILMETTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 39

Mrs. Buscemi reviewed the budget calendar process. She noted the Operating Funds make up 92% of the total budget. She reported on adjustments effecting the Operating Funds since the May presentation were due to fluctuating state and federal funding. The notable change was the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) On-Behalf payment toward the teachers' retirement system. The On-Behalf payment increased from \$11.8M in 2017 to \$14.0M for FY18. The states rate increased from 38.54% to 44.61%. Special education tuition increased \$70,000 based on current enrollments and health insurance costs decreased \$147,000. Additionally, Mrs. Buscemi noted the move to a Cooperative 90's led to an additional cost savings of approximately \$64,000.

Mrs. Buscemi also reported the permanent interfund transfer increased to \$2.5M based on pre-audit numbers in anticipation of future Highcrest Middle School construction projects. The permanent interfund transfer hearing occurred following this budget hearing.

Mrs. Buscemi explained the projected deficits in the Education, Tort, Transportation and IMRF/Social Security funds. The Education fund deficit is due to the reallocation of the tax levy to the O&M Fund and the permanent interfund transfer of \$2.5M. In addition, the expenditures include \$4.1M in planned construction projects. The Tort, Transportation, and IMRF/Social Security funds are utilizing fund balances as the levy is being reallocated for one time construction projects.

Mrs. Buscemi stated in the Non-Operating Funds the Capital Project fund revenue is transferred from the O&M fund monthly to cover the actual expenditures. The deficit in the Debt Service fund based on Debt Service 2016 levy abatement of \$200,000 returned to taxpayers. This three-year abatement impacts 2015-2017 levies.

Mrs. Buscemi stated the projected Operating Fund balance at the end of FY18 is \$35,455,488. The Non-Operating Fund balance for the end of FY18 is \$1,513,741 and the All Funds balance is \$36,969,229.

BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR WILMETTE COMMUNITY SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT (WCSEA)

Dr. Lechner stated the Illinois State Board of Education requires the Wilmette Community Special Education Agreement to keep separate accounting records. The WCSEA budget is a flow through entity with revenues and expenses being equal. Funds flow from the State to WCSEA and then to Avoca District 37 and District 39. The District follows the same budget format for both District 39 and WCSEA.

Mr. Steen reiterated that the budgets have been reviewed several times during previous School Finance committee meetings.

AUDIENCE RESPONSE TO BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

None

BOARD DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS

None

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Panzica moved, seconded by Mrs. Schaff, to adjourn to the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The budget hearing adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by **General Consent.**

President

Secretary