

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met for a financial workshop and school board candidate forum on Monday, November 26, 2018, at Kingsley School.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the financial workshop to order at 7:04 p.m. Members present: President Doug Purcell; Vice President Elizabeth Sigale; and Members Doshi, Harris, Hughes, Miller, and Samonte. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Catherine Hannigan, Manager of Business Services; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting were five visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

2. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO Todd Drafall presented a high level review of financial projections and needs to consider in budget planning for FY 2019-2020. He noted that the District's mission, vision and strategic goals guide the allocation of resources and budget planning process.

This year the District has an operating budget of \$66.67 million in revenue and \$65.96 million in expenditures. Projected revenue exceeds expenditures by \$700,000. State reimbursement is paid a year in arrears, as is special education reimbursement. The fiscal year began without a contract for two bargaining units, the DGEEA and the DGCMA, resulting in a short lag in expenses as salaries were recalculated after the contracts were finalized.

Projected resources for 2020 include a 3.1% increase in property tax revenue (comprising 83% of total revenue to the District) and a 1-2% increase in state revenue (as a benchmark, FY2018-19 had a 3% increase, which totalled \$100,000). Before final property tax revenue is paid in May, the District will borrow from the Working Cash Fund as needed.

Staffing projections include five additional FTE positions based on District needs and priorities. Enrollment is projected to remain relatively flat, so no overall change in the number of classroom teacher positions is expected. Projected major curricular expenditures include the final payment for Benchmark Advance, science resources to be implemented in Fall 2019, and the continuation of consumable purchasing for math and social studies. Professional learning costs are expected to continue over the next several years, but there may be some federal Title II funding available for this purpose. Projected technology expenditures will

include refreshing faculty laptops, as well as Chromebooks for the class of 2020. Finally, although the list of needed Operations and Maintenance updates exceeds what will be available in the budget for capital improvements, there are some surplus funds available from other projects that have come in under budget (i.e. the Lester addition).

President Purcell noted that the downtown Downers Grove TIF (tax increment financing) district's term will end in the next few years. District 58's tax levy will then be able to capture the increase in property values.

3. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Rich Stachon, Henry Puffer attendance area, expressed concern about the possibility of several curriculum areas requiring updating on the same 7-10 year schedule and the resulting impact on the budget.

Tracy Weiner, Henry Puffer attendance area, asked whether the extended reception of visitors will be rescheduled.

A brief recess was taken at this time.

4. SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

Board members conducted an orientation for potential school board candidates. Topics included information on the school board election process, board member expectations and responsibilities, school board organization, school board meetings, and school board governance. Five community members attended the candidate forum.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Member Harris moved and Member Samonte seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Doug Purcell, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary