

AUGUST 22, 2022
WILMETTE, IL
BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing on the Budgets was held by the Board of Education on Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Mikaelian Education Center, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois. President Amy Poehling called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Amy Poehling, Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Bonnie Kim, Frank Panzica, Erin Stone

Members Absent: Lisa Schneider-Fabes

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board of Education members and the administration led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR WILMETTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 39

Mr. Bultemeier stated the Board approved a tentative Fiscal Year 2023 budget last May.

Mr. Bultemeier gave an Operating Funds summary noting total revenues were \$70.7M and total expenditures were \$69.1M. For FY2023 the projected surplus is \$1.5M. The June 30, 2023 fund balance is estimated at \$29.1M.

BOARD DISCUSSION

None

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 2023 WCSEA revenue and expenses are equal at \$206K.

BOARD DISCUSSION

None

Mr. Cesaretti requested Mr. Bultemeier explain the delay in receiving property tax bills.

Mr. Bultemeier explained Cook County breaks up property tax billings into two installments of which the first is sent out on February 1st with a March 1st due date. School districts were notified that the normal issue of billing in July (due in August) would be delayed until late fall or early into the year 2023. District 39 having a policy to maintain a fund balance allows the district to cover payments for a short period of time. It becomes problematic for school districts as this period is extended to six months and beyond as districts then have to enter into short-term loans.

Mr. Panzica questioned if state revenue payments were delayed.

Mr. Bultemeier stated the state revenue payments have been on time and that Springfield made Evidence Based Funding payments a priority knowing school districts rely on those revenue payments. He noted quarterly transportation reimbursements have been behind schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Stone moved, seconded by Mr. Panzica, to adjourn to the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The budget hearing adjourned at 7:14 p.m. by **General Consent.**

President

Secretary