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**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2014  
6:30 p.m.  
CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICE  
793 NORTH MAIN STREET  
GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Committee members Joe Bochenski, Drew Ellis, and Patrick Escalante, Superintendent Dr. Paul Gordon, Assistant Superintendent Bob Ciserella, Director of Technology Mike Wood, Chief Communications Officer Erika Krehbiel and Recording Secretary Carolyn Gust.

**Review and approval of minutes from the October 27, 2014, meeting.** The minutes were reviewed and approved and will be posted to the district website.

**Supplemental Pay Recommendation**

The Supplemental Pay Committee met on October 27, 2014, to review proposals for implementation in the fall of 2014 and is recommending adding the following activity to the supplemental pay structure.

- **Broadcast Club (Churchill)** – The Broadcast Club will be responsible for creating podcasts on iTunes and vodcasts on Vimeo/Youtube. The broadcasts will cover news about Churchill School. The twenty students in the club will brainstorm topics, create scripts, and produce the broadcasts. The club will meet once per week during lunch time for the entire school year. The Committee is recommending adding the Broadcast Club as a Group V (39 hours or less) activity for the 2014-2015 school year.
- **Elementary Robotics Club (Lincoln)** – The Robotics Club will include two different groups of students. The first group will meet from October through February and the second from February through May. Each group will consist of twenty students who will apply STEAM concepts to the world of robotics. Using Lego's Mindstorms EV3 robot, students will work in teams to complete various tasks. The robotics team will compete against other teams in a statewide competition. Over fifty students have expressed interest in this club. The Robotics Club will meet on a weekly basis for an hour and will participate in competitions. Because the elementary-aged students will be working with tools to assemble the robots, we are recommending two Group V stipends.
- **Web Masters Club (Lincoln)** – This club started last year at Lincoln and was a huge success. The twenty-five students were able to construct at Level 3 website last year. This year's club will be designing and assisting with the Level 3 classroom websites. There are approximately 50 students signed up for this activity thus far. The club will meet twice weekly. The Committee is recommending one Group V stipend.
- **Churchill Movers Recess Running Club (Churchill)** – The club sponsors wanted to develop a way for students to be truly active during their recess time and to participate as a member of a team. The Churchill Movers Recess Running Club students run laps and receive special prizes as a reward. The club began last year with 178 participants

who ran 1899 laps or 237 miles. Runners set their own goals and track their own data. The club is offered three times per week during the lunch recess. The club runs for eight weeks in the fall and for eight weeks in the spring. Due to the large numbers of students participating, we are recommending two Group IV stipends.

Below is a financial summary of the supplemental pay committee recommendations:

Activity	Number of Stipends	Supplemental Pay Group Rate	Total Cost
Broadcast Club	1	Group V, step 2	\$600
Elementary Robotics Club	2	Group V, step 2	\$1,200
Web Masters Club	1	Group V, step 2	\$600
Churchill Movers Recess Running Club	2	Group IV, step 1	\$1,400
<b>TOTAL INCREASE</b>			<b>\$3,800</b>

Committee member Bochenski inquired regarding the process for reporting attendance at these clubs. Assistant Superintendent Campbell shared that the supplemental pay committee keeps track of and monitors each club for participation and continued relevance when making their recommendations. Ms. Campbell will confirm with the faculty sponsors that attendance is taken regularly.

This information will be presented to the Board of Education for discussion and approval at its November 24, 2014, and December 8, 2014, meetings respectively.

### **2014 Property Tax Levy – Five-Year Financial Projections with State Revenue Implications**

The administration updated the five-year financial projection scenarios which may be affected by possible state revenue reductions and charter school implications. There are six different projections provided with revenue estimates as currently known. Expenditures for salaries and benefits were projected through the use of the Skyward system and assigned increases called for in previously negotiated agreements. Additionally, \$1,750,000 has been retained in the various scenarios for capital projects. A summary of the six scenarios follows:

- Base Plan – Revenues and expenditures shown without possible state revenue reductions.
- Scenario 1 – Cumulative effect of SB 16 to District 41 and CASE. Reductions to District 41 will be approximately \$475,000 annually for four years with a total reduction of approximately \$1,900,000 after year four moving forward. CASE costs could increase by as much as \$200,250 annually as a result of the cooperative losing part of its state funding.
- Scenario 2 – Roll-in of TRS obligations at 1% annually with total roll-in of 6% after year six.
- Scenario 3 – Cumulative effect of SB 16 with TRS roll-in.
- Scenario 4 – Charter School roll-in over a four-year period with loss of revenue implications. The costs have been determined as follows: baseline per pupil costs of \$11,941.66 with an estimated transfer and loss of students from D41 of 55, 69, 83 and 97 per year, beginning in 2016/17 and projected to continue through 2019/20.
- Scenario 5 – Cumulative effect of SB 16, TRS roll-in and charter school implications.

General state aid and other state aid may be renamed general state aid. With the passage of SB 16, it's expected that the collar counties and Chicago will experience an increase in revenue. Dupage county districts are expected to experience a revenue loss in 32 out of 33 districts. CASE expenses will increase as a result of their decrease in state revenue; 13.35 percent of CASE's budget comes from district 41. With SB 16 passed, the revenue implications are too significant to not affect staff or capital projects.

District administration has been contacted by a company exploring the possibility of opening a charter school within our boundaries. By law, charter schools have the right to request up to 125% of instructional cost per student. There are several charter schools in the city of Chicago, but not many in the suburbs. The charter group is making a concerted effort to achieve approval which would result in significant financial implications to the district.

The committee suggested a finance committee meeting which subject would be the long-term budget ramifications of SB 16 to district 41. The committee is concerned with the possibility of having to cut programs, capital projects and/or employees in the long-term should the bill be enacted. Committee members want the Board of Education to lay out its priorities with regard to budget cuts, with the main priority of avoiding cuts at the classroom level. The board's priority should be the continuation of existing educational programs, wherever possible. Dr. Gordon cautioned that the district must keep a watchful eye on our legislators in Springfield so as to have the ability to react swiftly to any enacted changes.

LEND is asking districts to weigh in on SB 16 and share with them the effect the bill will have on revenues should it be enacted. The committee would like to share the attachment spreadsheets with LEND so that they may, in turn, share the information with legislators. The implications to District 41 by SB 16 have a better chance of being heard and responded to by legislators if presented as part of a consortium rather than a lone district.

The committee gave Superintendent Gordon direction to begin the conversation at the cabinet level to discuss district priorities. Dr. Gordon will present this information to the committee in near future for committee examination and discussion.

### **Establish Date and Time for Truth in Taxation Hearing**

The Board of Education, pursuant to the Truth in Taxation Act, is required to determine the amount of money, exclusive of debt service, public building commission leases and election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the year 2014 and to give notice of and to hold a public hearing.

The Board has a scheduled public meeting on December 8, 2014, at 7:15 p.m. prior to the regular Board meeting for the purpose of the Truth in Taxation hearing.

The Secretary of the Board is required to publish or cause to be published a notice of public hearing, in the form attached, not less than seven, nor more than fourteen days prior to the hearing.

This information will be presented later this evening for discussion. The Board will adopt the Levy at the regular meeting on December 8, 2014, following the public hearing. The Certificate of Tax Levy must be filed with the County Clerk prior to the last Tuesday in December; this year the last Tuesday in December is December 30, 2014.

**Open Items**

None.

**Other**

The committee requested that the administration compile election results from the Glenbard District 87 referendum, as well as the more recent failed park district referendum. This information is meant to assist the board with future planning.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Gust  
Recording Secretary