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**MINUTES  
GLEN ELLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 41  
FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2015  
6:30 PM**

**CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICES, 793  
NORTH MAIN STREET, GLEN ELLYN,  
ILLINOIS**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:30 pm

**Present:** Committee members, Kurt Buchholz, Joe Bochenski, and Patrick Escalante; Superintendent Paul Gordon; Interim Assistant Superintendent Rebecca Allard; Director of Buildings and Grounds Dave Scarmardo; Chief Communication Officer Erika Krehbiel; Director of Technology Mike Wood; and Board Recording Secretary Nancy Mogk. Board member Stephanie Clark arrived at 6:41 pm.

**I. Review and approval of minutes from October 26, 2015, meeting**

The minutes were reviewed and approved and will be posted to the district website.

**II. Proposed 2015 Tax Levy Discussion**

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Facilities and Operations Becky Allard provided the committee with an overview of the 2015 Proposed Tax Levy.

Taxes levied in December 2015 will be collected in June and September 2016. The actual equalized assessed valuation for purposes of determining the final tax rates will not be known until spring 2016.

The amount of property taxes the district may expect to receive under the Property Tax Limitation Act (Tax Cap) for the 2015 Levy is based on the following set of assumptions:

- The amount of new construction is estimated to be the same as the 2014 new construction value of \$13,151,520
- The Consumer Price Index for December 2014 was 0.8%

Complete financial factors will not be known until spring 2016, thus the levy request is based on an estimate that is a slightly higher than what the district will actually receive based on PTELL. The district has been in contact with the Township Assessors' offices and has been advised that the information is currently unavailable. For the purposes of estimating the levy, the district's EAV is going to be held at last year's level.

The levy for debt service, \$2,931,525, includes all payments due and 1% loss factor,

The estimated *actual* operating levy extension for 2015 represents an \$832,156 or 1.96% increase in the operating levy.

The total operating levy request represents an increase of \$1,481,082 or 3.49% over the previous year's extension.

Following Ms. Allard's presentation the committee discussed the options available to keep the cost to the taxpayer at a minimum, including levying at the same rate as last year, a review and consideration of making cuts to the budget, the impact to the fund reserves and the abatement of levy proceeds back to the taxpayer.

The levy was slated for full board discussion with approval for posting during the regular meeting tonight and will be presented for Board adoption on December 14, 2015.

### III. **Student Fees 2016-2017**

Student fees are collected during the student registration process. District 41 generated approximately \$244,995 from basic and activity fees for the current school year. Basic fees help offset the costs for the purchases of Encyclopedia Britannica, World Book Encyclopedia, Brain Pop, E-Library, and Reading A to Z online. Activity fees offset the stipend costs for athletic coaches and sponsors for various clubs and activities.

The administration recommends holding student fees for the 2015/2016 school year at this year's levels but would like the Board to consider adding a technology fee of \$30 to the Jr. High School fees to cover the cost of insurance for Chromebooks to support the curriculum associated with using Chromebooks.

The committee discussed the various options of reducing or limiting both supply and activity fees and the impact this would have on the budget.

Administration will check with surrounding districts on the type of technology fees assessed and return with a recommendation at the next finance meeting.

### IV. **Items for Consideration for Future Agenda**

No items were presented.

### V. **Upcoming Meetings**

A. November 23, 2015, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting, Central Services Office, 6:00 PM

### VI. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM