

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 89
22W600 BUTTERFIELD ROAD ♦ GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – MARCH 19, 2018 MEETING, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Members Jedlicka, Núñez, Sridhar, Pope, Lerch, Yates, Powers

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA – The consent agenda was approved as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Finance Committee Report (SP Goal: Resources). The committee was a representative group from the community of parents, staff and community members, many with financial backgrounds and a few who had served on the previous Finance Committee. The committee went through a process of understanding school funding in Illinois, reviewed financial history, projections and the Strategic Plan. The committee discussed educational services, programs and what was valued in the district along with examining financial and operating performance metrics with the five Glenbard feeder districts.

CCSD89 is operating a deficit budget. Expenditures are growing faster than revenues. Local property taxes account for 91% of the district's revenue. Salaries, benefits and outsourced services (custodial, transportation, Special Education tuition and food service contracts) account for 88% of the district's expenses.

District finances have been in the forefront for the past ten years. Reductions and efficiencies of approximately \$2.9M were made to stabilize the budget while maintaining a quality education for students and keeping CCSD89 a destination for families, home buyers and teachers.

CCSD89 has the lowest operational costs among Glenbard feeder districts and is below the state average, however, continues to be in the top 10% in the nation for academic achievement. District 89 also has the lowest tax rate of the Glenbard elementary districts, lowest administrator:student ratio and is in-line with teacher salary comparisons.

The committee agreed the district cannot continue to operate with a deficit budget. Options to increase revenue, reduce programming and increase fees were discussed. The committee felt the depth of cuts required to balance the budget goes against the values of the district, the strategic plan and history of providing high-quality education. The committee felt increasing revenue through a referendum to maintain high quality schools, property value and community desirability was a viable solution and recommended a broader community engagement to expand the discussion about what the community values and wants from their schools. Community forum meetings, small group outreach and surveys will be conducted in April through June with a report on feedback and findings presented to the Board in July 2018.

2018-2019 Board Meeting Dates. Supt. Tammaru presented a draft of the 2018-2019 Board of Education meeting dates. She reported meetings are typically held on the third Monday of the month. The Sept. meeting was pushed back a week to allow for the required 30-day display between the tentative and final budget.

ACTION ITEMS – The following Action Items were approved:

- Approval of Resolution #730-18 Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel
- Approval of Resolution #728-18 to Authorize Reduction of Aggregate Extension
- Approval of Resolution #729-18 providing for the issue of \$4,245,000 of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2018, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Supt. Tammaru's report included information regarding the following:

- FOIA Request
- Summer Enrichment Offerings
- ISBE Financial Score
- 2018-2019 Registration
- Board Agenda Planning for the Monday, April 16, 7PM Regular Meeting

CLOSED SESSION - The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity as mandated by Section 2 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).