

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met for a special meeting/budget workshop on Monday, August 28, 2017, at Belle Aire School, 3935 Belle Aire Lane, Downers Grove, Illinois.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and announced that it was a special meeting/budget workshop of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President Doug Purcell; Vice President Elizabeth Sigale; and Members Gregory Harris, Darren Hughes, John Miller and Beth Taylor. Members absent: Jill Samonte. Also in attendance were Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Jessica Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; David Bein, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Lorie Pilster, Director of Business Services; Ken Young, Director of Buildings and Grounds; James Eichmiller, Director of Innovative Technology and Learning; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary. Attending this meeting were at least nine visitors. (Visitors' Roster attached to official minutes.)

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

A. Personnel Report – Appointments

Member Miller moved and Member Harris seconded his motion to approve the appointment of four certified staff as listed in the Personnel Report attached.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Harris, Hughes, Miller, Purcell, Sigale, and Taylor  
NAYS: None Motion carried

B. Project Altitude

Member Hughes moved and Member Taylor seconded his motion to approve the "Tax Abatement Agreement Between Downers Grove Grade School District No. 58 and Project Altitude Corporation Regarding Expansion Project."

Member Hughes affirmed his support for this company that wants to make an investment in Downers Grove. Member Taylor noted that the company has expressed an interest in providing educational opportunities for students in the community.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Harris, Hughes, Miller, Purcell, Sigale, and Taylor  
NAYS: None Motion carried

### 3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

#### Budget Development

Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO David Bein presented an overview of how the budget is developed. The budget is a one-year spending plan reflecting the best information available at the time, including the District's needs and priorities, along with the prior year's actual spending. Both the amount budgeted for a specific area and actual spending may vary from year to year based on the needs of students, staff and the District's operating needs.

The budget adoption process began on July 10, 2017, when the Board approved a tentative budget, which was then made available for public inspection. The final budget is adopted after a budget hearing where the Board can consider input on the proposed budget. Between the tentative and final budgets, updates may be made with any known changes in grants or other adjustments based on current knowledge. Mr. Bein stated that although there have been some changes, the current budget status is similar to the tentative budget, and he does not expect any material changes to the budget between this date and the final budget that will be considered on September 11, 2017.

#### Revenue

Revenue is currently budgeted at \$66.26M. There were reductions in projected revenue due to the Illinois Department of Revenue's projected 25% reduction in Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax revenue, as well as a reduction in Title II allocation.

#### Expenditures

Expenditures are currently budgeted at \$66.48M. There has been some movement of budgeted funds from one account to another. Although reductions were made in anticipated expenses, those offset the revenue reduction rather than the deficit. Reductions incorporated in the tentative budget include a delay in facilities projects for \$150,000, a delay in faculty technology refresh for \$150,000, a split payment for ELA curriculum adoption for \$90,000, a delay in middle school Chromebook refresh for \$75,000, and cost savings due to the implementation of a new telephone system for \$50,000. The net budget shows a \$221,000 deficit.

#### Proposed Lester Addition

An addition to Lester School is not included in the budget. If the Board moves forward with the addition, then an amended budget will be required before the end of the fiscal year to reflect additional funding and expenditures related to the project.

### 4. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – with extended opportunity for Board of Education and Community Communications

Tracy Weiner, Henry Puffer area resident, mentioned a WGN news report that stated Downers Grove would stand to lose \$100,000 in school funding under the proposed state school funding legislation. She also stated that the District needs to start looking for ways to make budget cuts and raise revenue. *David Bein responded that he believed that the \$100,000 figure was under the Governor's Amendatory Veto of*



**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOICE VOTE

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Doug Purcell, President

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Melissa Jerves, Secretary