



BOARD OF EDUCATION *Highlights*

Highlights from the August 19, 2013 business meeting

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Minutes Approved

The Board approved the minutes from the July 15, 2013 business meeting and the July 15, 2013 closed meeting. The minutes from the open meeting may be found at http://www.csd99.org/assets/1/23/7-15-13_Minutes.pdf.



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Recommendations and Reports of Superintendent

Two "Freedom of Information Act" requests were received:

1. *Chicago Tribune* reporter seeking information about a former district employee; the request was partially filled. See [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/99XJGR4D18E7/\\$file/Tribune%20FOIA%20Response.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/99XJGR4D18E7/$file/Tribune%20FOIA%20Response.pdf)
2. A sales representative requested bid award information about the District 99 CCTV expansion bid and was fulfilled.



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Consent Agenda

The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda, including:

- The personnel report;
- The monthly financial pages ([http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9AJHL548F005/\\$file/Financial.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9AJHL548F005/$file/Financial.pdf)); and,
- Participating in 2013-14 grant programs of Title I, Title II, Title III, CTEI and Perkins funds for a projected total grant amount of over \$528,000 ([http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9ACLSE57E46B/\\$file/Grants.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9ACLSE57E46B/$file/Grants.pdf)).



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Recommendations for Action – 2013-14 Budget and 5-Year Forecast

Controller Mark Staehlin presented the **2013-14 tentative budget**, which had been on public display as required by law for over 30 days.

The \$80.2 million budget is a **balanced one**, and reserves are stable at 5.6% of revenues.

- Key district initiatives, including additional staff required to support **Common Core** and **AVID**, are reflected in the budget.
- Some of the district's key **stabilization strategies**, such as keeping the budget balanced, addressing major capital outlay items with an allocation of \$1.8 million and paying down debt out of operating funds, will continue.
- Revenue, which is primarily tied to cost of living (CPI-U), is expected to be 2.8% while state sources are up 8% and federal sources are down 15%. On the expense side, professional development is up 13.9% to address district initiatives, and contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) is up 6.3% to protect the district in case of a rate increase.
- The district has an excess of operating revenues of \$2.1 million over expenditures, which will be used to pay down long-term obligations. **Staehlin calls this financial strategy "very unique, and a strength of our district."**

The **5-year budget forecast**, in which "year one" is the 2013-14 budget, was shared. It reflects the district's ability to maintain a stable profile for the next several years. See [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9AKSKZ7320BC/\\$file/Five%20Year%20Projections.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9AKSKZ7320BC/$file/Five%20Year%20Projections.pdf). Key assumptions include:

- CPI-U rates - the average CPI-U increase for the last 10 years is 2.4%; a conservative 2.1% increase was used for the forecast.
- Salaries and benefits - approximately 74% of the district's expenditures are tied to CPI-U, including salaries in our collective bargaining agreements, transportation, food, service management and student supplies. Medical benefits represent a larger driver of expenses; these are projected to increase by 7.5% after 2013-14.
- Enrollment - based on a comprehensive enrollment report based on 2010 Census data, District 99 student enrollment is projected to drop in 2014-15, then rise through 2017-18. The forecast reflects the staff needed to maintain the current staff/student ratio.

Future threats to our stability include the possibility that the state will shift pension costs to the district. Another is the potential for an increase in properties seeking to detach from the district. Expiring collective bargaining unit and other contracts and future program and service needs, such as 1:1 computing initiatives, are also unknown factors. The district will continue to pay for long-term debt out of operating funds, while also continuing to move forward with funding larger capital projects out of operating funds.



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Public Hearing/Motion to Adopt the Budget

There were no public comments made about the tentative budget.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt the 2013-14 budget.

See [http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9AEKY653E21A/\\$file/2013-14%20Budget.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/csd99/Board.nsf/files/9AEKY653E21A/$file/2013-14%20Budget.pdf).

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Communications and Announcements

- Board Member Julia K. Beckman, who serves on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Humanities Council, encouraged others to visit the organization's website. (See www.prairie.org.) The mission of the Illinois Humanities Council is to foster a culture in which the humanities are a vital part of the lives of individuals and communities.
- Board Member Terry Pavesich provided an update about the District 99 Education Foundation's fundraiser event in January 2014, called "Pizza Wars."
- Board Member Deb Boyle, District 99's delegate to the Illinois Association of School Board (IASB), shared that their fall division dinner meeting will be held on October 29, and that it provides a good chance to learn more about the hot topics in school governance and administration and legislation impacting schools.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

September 9, 6:30 p.m.*

September 16, 7:30 p.m.

** NOTE: The September 9 meeting will open and close in public and offer the opportunity for public comment; however, the majority of the meeting will be held in closed session.*

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