



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Finance Committee
Minutes**

July 20, 2017

The Board of Education held a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 4:15 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room, 2921 Illinois Road, Wilmette, Illinois.

The following members were present:

**Louise Dechovitz, Vice President
Jamie Taylor
Rick Zelinsky, President
Joel Raynes, Chairman**

**Name of Presiding
Chairman**

(Reporting):

Joel Raynes, Chairman

Also Present:

**Beth Dever, Chief School Business Official
Dr. Kevin Jauch, Superintendent/Secretary of the Board**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Topic 1: Buildings and Grounds Update

Chief School Business Official, Beth Dever, gave the committee an update on the current building and grounds needs in the district. Due to the excessive precipitation in the area, Avoca Center has had three roof leaks. As a result, some asbestos tiles became loose; the district has replaced those tiles. Summer HVAC work has started at Avoca West. They will be fixing a leak in the south boiler room and inspecting the pumps. There will be tree trimming and maintenance to the parking lot set to take place prior to the beginning of the school year at Avoca Center, Marie Murphy and Avoca West. At Marie Murphy, the pumps and boilers will be inspected to ensure they are working properly once the work at Avoca West is done. One of Marie Murphy's boilers keeps going into flame failure.

Topic 2: Legislation Update

The state has passed a budget for the first time in two years. School districts in Illinois are also waiting to see if the SB1 is passed. SB1 is an evidence based formula to raise each of Illinois' school districts to individual adequacy targets, or the amount of money needed to properly educate every student through increased funding from the state. At this point in time, there is not a way to allocate the funds passed in the state budget.

Topic 3: Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Ms. Dever gave the committee an update regarding the budget for fiscal year 2018. The current version of the budget will be shared at the July 20, 2017 Board of Education meeting. An updated version which will include final staffing numbers and building costs will be presented at the August board meeting and the public hearing will be held in September. Ms. Dever is considering recommending a permanent transfer from the Tort Fund to the Education Fund. The past fiscal year's Education Fund was in deficit due to the low CPI, strategic spending on curriculum and professional development, a higher than average amount of out-placed students and increasing EL costs. The projection for the Education Fund for FY 18 is also in deficit. The district is looking for ways to balance the Education Fund.

Board President, Rick Zelinsky

Secretary, Kevin Jauch, Ed.D.