



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Special Minutes

### Public Hearing on 2017 Tax Levy

December 21, 2017

The Board of Education met in special session on December 21, 2017, at 6:15 p.m. in the Joseph M. Porto Community Room at Marie Murphy School, 2921 Illinois Road, Wilmette, Illinois. The President called the meeting to order and asked the Board Recorder to call the roll.

The following members were present:

Louise Dechovitz, Vice President  
Dan Garbis (arrived 6:27 p.m.)  
Gil Gibori  
Joel Raynes  
Sheryl Swibel  
Jamie Taylor  
Rick Zelinsky, President

Also Present:

Debbie Cotter, Video Recorder  
Beth Dever, Chief School Business Official  
Suzanne Harris, Board Recorder  
Dr. Kevin Jauch, Superintendent/Board Secretary  
Matthew Palcer, Marie Murphy Principal  
Terry Sofianos, Director of Pupil Services  
Jennie Winters, Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator

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### **REVIEW OF 2017 TAX LEVY**

Chief School Business Official, Beth Dever, presented the 2017 Tax Levy to the Board of Education and the public. Ms. Dever noted that there were no changes made to the proposed tax levy since the Board of Education Meeting on November 16, 2017. The proposed tax levy for 2017 will be capped at 2.1% plus any new growth in the district. In addition, the county adds 3% for any loss and cost to all funds limited by the tax cap. In order to maximize the potential new growth, the district will balloon levy by requesting for an amount more than the 2.1%. Ms. Dever recommended increasing the 2016 operating levy by 3.85% totaling \$13,865,255. The levy will be allocated based upon the expenditure and reserve levels of each operating fund. Ms. Dever presented information about the levy process with a timeline of when the district can expect to receive the tax distributions, the formula by which a tax rate is calculated and various examples of property tax calculations. Ms. Dever presented a review of the amounts that have been distributed to the district over the past five years. She also shared the percentage of revenue the local property tax funds

comprise of the district's total revenues, consistently between 85-86%. The district is experiencing a decline in the fund balance and is working to reduce the deficit by both increasing revenues and decreasing expenditures.

The Board then opened the floor to any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

## MEETING ADJOURNS

Mr. Raynes moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Gibori seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, with all members voting aye, the motion was carried. The Special Board and Public Hearing on the 2017 Tax Levy adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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Board President  
Rick Zelinsky

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Secretary  
Kevin Jauch