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SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Date: August 14, 2026
Subject: FY27 Tentative Budget Update

The Board approved our tentative budget on July 20th and a notice of availability and of public hearing on the budget was placed in the Naperville Sun on July 26th. The FY27 tentative budget has been available for public inspection in the Business Office since July 21st and is posted on our website for public review. Furthermore, a public hearing on the budget will be held on Monday September 21st, prior to any final action being taken by the Board. While the tentative budget has been published, it continues to be updated as we receive more information about projected revenues and expenditures for this year. I'd like to provide a brief update on the changes that have occurred since July 20th.

A handful of changes to both revenues and expenses have been incorporated into the tentative budget since July 20th and are summarized below. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these, or other proposed or contemplated changes.

1. Estimated "On Behalf" Revenues and "On Behalf" Expenses from the State of Illinois to the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System of $15M have been put into the budget document. As that actual number is finalized for FY26, a new, updated estimate for FY27 will be developed, if needed. This amount only shows up on the budget summary pages and does not have an impact on the bottom line of the school district budget (ie, the on behalf revenues and expenditures offset, thereby not affecting the bottom line).

2. EBF General State Aid revenue was increased from $4,750,000 to $4,777,292 to reflect actual finalized allocation amounts from ISBE (increased Ed Fund revenues by $27,292).

3. CPPRT revenues were increased from $250,000 to $256,808 to reflect revised estimates from the Illinois Department of Revenue (increased Ed Fund revenues by $6,808).

4. Adjusted a-la-Carte Food Sales from $10K to $25K to reflect updated information from our FSMC (increased Ed Fund revenues by $15K).

5. Adjusted EC Block Grant Revenues from $525K to $535K based on revised estimates and updated information from ISBE (increased Ed Fund revenues by $10K).

6. Revised Regular Education State Transportation Mandated Categorical Reimbursements from $600K to $500K based on updated information and tentative claims data (decreased Transportation Fund revenues by $100K).

7. Revised Special Education State Transportation Mandated Categorical Reimbursements from $750K to $800K based on updated information and tentative claim data (increased Transportation Fund revenues by $50K).

8. Updated State Solar Reimbursements Energy Credits (SREC's) for the three additional schools recently brought online last spring, based on current year data and an updated payment schedule (increased Capital Projects Fund revenues by $120K).

9. Updated Federal Solar Energy Reimbursements (IRA-FTC's) based on updated filing information from L&A (increased Capital Projects Fund revenues by $25K).

10. Updated Title I, II, III and IV revenues based on information from the Government related to the release of these Federal funds (decreased Ed Fund revenues by $52,677).

The net impact of these revenue changes would be to add $6,423 to the Education Fund and $145,000 to the Capital Projects Fund, while reducing Transportation Fund revenues by $50,000. We are closely monitoring all revenue estimates and will include any additions, deletions or revisions that occur up to the time of the final budget presentation. With these changes, our revenues are probably 98% complete right now and I don't expect any additional major revisions to revenues between now and September 21st. With these revenue adjustments our Operating Surplus is expected to decrease from $531,617 to $488,040 and our Non-Operating Surplus is expected to increase from $257,037 to $402,037. We will let you know if any additional changes occur to revenues forecasts.

On the expenditure side of the equation, we are constantly monitoring and updating salaries and benefits based on final staffing levels and actual late summer staff hires. So far, these changes have had the net effect of slightly increasing overall salary and benefit costs, as we encounter more splits (we'll probably end up with 13-14 splits, whereas we had initially

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estimated 11-12 splits) that will more than offset a few last minute resignations that result in lower costs for the new hires. However, the impact is constantly changing, and any additional last minute staff additions or replacements could impact expenses concurrently. Overall, we expect final estimated/budgeted salary and benefit levels to be slightly above tentative budget projections (by no more than 1% for certified staff estimates, or about $100K in total, and no more than 2% for non-certified staff estimates, or about $60K in total). We will monitor final staffing levels and new hires, and the impact they have on overall salary and benefit costs, to more accurately predict salary and benefit expenses in the final budget. Minor adjustments to materials and supplies, purchase services, contract services and other expenses are ongoing, but these categories only make up 25% of the overall budget, so their impact on the bottom line will be less impactful.

That said, we are continuing to pare down expenses in most funds, if possible, and we hope to realize about $75K to $100K in total overall non-personnel expense reductions. With potentially $100K to $150K in total overall expense increases, most of which will occur in the Operating Funds, we hope to keep the overall Operating Funds Surplus at around $500K when all is said and done and the Non-Operating Funds Surplus at around $400K. We will present a more finalized expenditure picture during our final budget presentation, and it is our goal to maintain these small Operating and Non-Operating surpluses by maximizing revenues, minimizing expenses and completing only needed and essential capital improvement projects.

These are the changes that have been incorporated into the tentative budget so far, and as any new or additional changes occur we will keep the Board updated accordingly. All changes to the tentative budget since the July 20th adoption will be summarized during the final budget presentation on September 21st, and prior to recommending that the Board approve a final budget, as then presented. Again, please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.