

# BOARD BRIEFS

INFORMATION FROM THE NOVEMBER 14, 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## 2023 TAX LEVY

Assistant Superintendent and CSBO, Maria Treto-French, presented the proposed 2023 Tax Levy to the D34 Board of Education and gave the board a basic understanding of school finance and how the school tax levy works.

A property tax levy is the amount of property tax dollars that the district requests in order to operate. Property taxes account for approximately 64% of the district's funding source. What the district proposes for the levy does not mean that is what the district will receive. The levy extension uses a formula determined by the Consumer

Price Index (CPI) and the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of properties to determine the amount that schools are eligible to receive. Many counties in the state, including Lake County, have a 5% cap on the amount that a district can receive. The only time a district in Lake County can exceed that amount is if the Consumer Price Index exceeds that amount.

In 2022, the CPI exceeded 5% for the first time since the tax caps were put in place. Despite this increase, District 34, unlike many districts in the state, chose to keep the tax levy request under the 5% in order not to burden

the taxpayers of District 34. With the proposed 4.99% levy, the district proposes a 2023 levy of \$23.8 million dollars. This amount is a slight increase from the \$22.4 million actually received in 2022. The increase is a natural progression intended to keep pace with increased costs of materials, services, and previously contracted salary increases.

It was also noted that as ESSER federal relief money from COVID dissolves, the district is managing for this decrease by decreasing expenditures rather than asking for more money.

## OTHER NEWS

### FY23 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

In accordance with state code, the district has published the Annual Statement of Affairs in the Daily Herald and has filed the full report with the Illinois State Board of Education.

### RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND TRANSFER

The Board approved the transfer of \$305,525 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Debt Service Fund. The purpose of this budgeted transfer is to pay down Debt Certificates. This transfer will help ensure a fund balance surplus at the end of the fiscal year. The interfund transfer is in accordance with the approved FY24 Annual Budget.

### CANON PRINTER UPGRADED LEASE PURCHASE

The upgrade of the Canon lease purchase and upgrade of the two Printshop copy machines was approved by the Board of Education. The new printers will be installed over Thanksgiving Break.

### AUGS MECHANICAL REPLACEMENT BID ACCEPTED

Antioch CCSD 34 received and opened bids for the 2024 Mechanical Unit Replacement Pre-Purchase. A total of two bids were received. The Board of Education approved the awarding of the contract to Trane, for the base bid to perform the 2024 Mechanical Unit Replacement Pre-Purchase in the total amount of \$200,720.00.

## OTHER NEWS (CONTINUED)

### RESPONSE TO DATA PRESENTATION

Kristina Guntharp, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and D34 Assistant Principals Jodi Lax, Deborah Johnson and Kristina Franchi provided the Board of Education with an update on Fall MAP scores and the 2023 Illinois Report Card.

### DESTRUCTION OF EUREKA MATH RESOURCES

The Board of Education approved the disposal of Eureka Math surplus items. With the adoption of Eureka Math<sup>2</sup>, the district no longer needs teacher manuals for the old Eureka Math curriculum for grades K-5.

## BOARD RECOGNITION

### ILMEA JR. HONOR BAND MEMBERS

AUGS Band students Alex Dusek, Margo Martensen, Lilly Selvik and Trevor Wendt were recognized for their acceptance into the 2023 ILMEA Jr. Honor Band.

### ED TECH STANDOUTS

The Board of Education recognized Clyde Andrew and Maddie Chessin for their outstanding effort and work in their Educational Technology class at Antioch Upper Grade School. AUGS Ed Tech teacher, Kathy Strathman, gave the board an overview of the course's unit on animation culminating in the presentation of animation projects completed by both Clyde and Maddie.

### OAKLAND STUDENT COUNCIL

The following Oakland Student Council representatives were recognized by the Board of Education:

- Erica Lippman
- Josh Carb
- Gianna Schichtl
- Addie Scholz
- Evie Kavich
- Lauren Trieloff
- Julia Reiner
- Aiden Teal
- Yaretzi Orduna Santos
- Tess Caruso
- Adan Salas Jaimes
- Genevieve Burke
- Drew Kohr
- Sloan Barga
- Lilly Lippman
- Quinn Swain
- Brody Fountain
- Audrey Ruhl
- Dahlia Billard
- Abigail Turner

### PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST

Debbie Sorby, Oakland Administrative Assistant, and Lori Gonzales, Oakland Special Education Resource Teacher, were recognized for their commitment to putting students first at all times.

### PERFECT IAR WRITING SCORE

The Board of Education recognized Vivian Synovic for receiving a perfect score on the writing portion of the Spring 2023 IAR.

### EARLY START PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

MKM Early Learning Center's Parent Educators, Marnie Pedersen and Lisa Hanes, were integral in the Early Start Program's receipt of the Blue Ribbon Affiliate Award from Parents as Teachers early childhood development program.



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