

Minutes of the Public Hearing of August 18, 2021

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 1, Coles and Cumberland Counties, convened for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at the Administration Building – 410 West Polk Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920.

At 6:15 p.m., President Coe called the public hearing to order and asked Secretary Daniels for roll call.

The following board members were physically present in the board room:

Jason Coe, President
Scott Clarke, Vice President
Susan Daniels, Secretary
Eva Ritchey
Brandon Wright

The following board member was absent:

Charles Jarrell, Treasurer
Brian Gough

The following staff members were present:

Todd J. Vilardo, Superintendent of Schools
Chad Burgett, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
Kristen Holly, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Genia Lang, Recording Secretary

Visitors 11 and 0 Members of the Press

President Coe asked if there were any comments, questions or written communications for the Board of Education. There were no comments, questions or written communications received.

Dr. Vilardo reported that Illinois law requires certain procedures that a school board must follow to adopt an annual budget. These actions include making the tentative budget available for public inspection and arranging for at least one budget hearing. He said that Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Chad Burgett would explain the details of the tentative budget and, afterwards, the public may ask questions or provide input on the tentative budget. The Board of Education will consider the adoption of the district's annual budget in the regular meeting immediately following public hearing.

Assistant Superintendent Burgett highlighted items in the FY22 tentative budget and reported that the budget was based on the following assumptions:

- The estimated beginning fund balances for July 1, 2021 are unaudited.
- Education fund revenues are based on receiving the same amount of Evidence Based Funding dollars from the State of Illinois.
- Approximately \$600,000 of General State Aid was placed in the Operations and Maintenance Fund.
- Salaries and benefits reflect known hires and as of this date, some positions have not yet been filled.
- ESSER II and ESSER III revenues and expenditures are included. He noted that the ESSER III grant has not been submitted or approved.
- Line items in revenues and expenditures are included to address COVID-19 related necessities.

- He stated that once the ESSER III grant is approved there may be the need to create or delete specific line items.

In closing, Mr. Burgett reported that the tentative budget has revenues estimated at \$36 million and expenditures projected at approximately \$37million.

Following the report, Dr. Vilardo invited the public to ask questions or provide input on the tentative budget. There were no questions or comments received on the FY22 tentative budget.

At 6:23pm, Dr. Clarke made a motion to adjourn from the public hearing. Mrs. Ritchey seconded the motion.

On roll call vote:

AYE: Clarke, Ritchey, Wright, Daniels, Coe

NAY: none ABSTAIN: none

motion carried

Jason Coe

President, Board of Education

Susan Daniels

Secretary, Board of Education