

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, September 17, 2015, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A.

New Staff by School

Fremd High School – 12

Palatine High School – 11

Schaumburg High School – 10

Conant High School – 7

Hoffman Estates High School – 5

Higgins Education Center – 2

Academy-North – 1

The total certificated staff for the 2015-2016 school year numbers 965, with 883 full-time positions, 37 part-time teachers, and 45 reduced-load teachers. Of the 965 staff members, 82

Salary Compensation Report

Illinois School Code requires the annual reporting and posting of administrator and teacher salaries. School districts also are required to report administrator

For District 211's underlying townships, the EAV increased by 1.2%. In addition to individual property assessments, further influences in EAV changes include individual assessment reductions due to the appeal process, and changes in the homeowner and senior citizen exemption minimums.

Despite the overall increase in 2014 EAV, taxpayers experienced varied increases or decreases in the District 211 portion of their second installment tax bill. If all property owners were assessed at levels that remained consistent throughout the county, tax increases for each property would mirror the levy increase of 1.7%. However, due to varied assessment changes, tax bill changes may fluctuate from one property to another. With the cumulative decrease in EAV over the past five years, a disproportionate shift of tax burden has occurred from one property to another. Tax relief provided to one property owner must be paid for by all other owners because both the total EAV upon which the tax rate is based and the proportion of total EAV ascribed to each property has been redistributed.

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Act (Tax Cap) limits the increase in levy extension to 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year, whichever is lower. The CPI-U for 2015 was 0.8%. The following restrictions will be in place for the 2015 levy:

- 0.8% limit on the 2015 tax extension over the 2014 amount (tax cap);
- the prior year EAV; and
- statutory rate limits of certain individual levies

The tax cap law will allow the EAV of new construction in the current year (2015) to be added to the District's prior year (2014) EAV.

Since the implementation of the Tax Cap in 1994, District 211 has levied based upon considerations of the financial need of instructional programs, operational costs, and change in legislative funding in order to generate sufficient revenues to meet increasing operating costs and support instructional programming. Over the past five years, the CPI-U average increase has been 2.1% with new property growth averaging 0.3% for an allowable increase of 2.4% under the Tax Cap law. As a comparison, District 211's total levy extension increase has averaged a 2.3% increase. The difference reflects the positive Debt Service levy reduction plan implemented in 2007 that allowed the District to maintain levy increases in the operating funds equal to CPI-U, plus new property growth, but reduce the overall levy by applying a portion of the District's existing Working Cash funds to reduce the Debt Service levy to taxpayers. The net result from this strategy has been a consistent lower tax rate for local taxpayers that would have not otherwise occurred.

At the next District Budget and Finance Committee meeting on October 7, 2015,

committee seek further information, an additional budget and finance committee meeting will be held on November 4, 2015, to further review the 2015 levy. The Board will be presented with a proposed levy amount at its November 12, 2015 meeting. Several important factors will be reviewed to substantiate a recommendation for District 211's aggregate tax levy extension amount, including operational costs to support instructional programs, five-year financial projections, financial trends of growing real estate tax refunds, considerations for the potential of lost revenue through state funding sources, and consideration for the issuance of Phase 2 of Life Safety Bonds for the 2010 Life Safety survey.

Additional tax levy information, including the 2015 Tax Levy Calendar, is available

The HSA-

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.