

UPDATE

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SCHOOL BOARD CONTINUES FACILITIES DISCUSSION

At the November 20, 2013 meeting, the School Board continued to discuss the future of district facilities. Business Manager Joel Murphy presented some options to the Board. The first plan would support K-5, 6-8 at QJHS and 9-12 at high school. Three new 600-student elementary schools would be built on sites currently occupied by Monroe, Dewey and Irving Schools at a cost of approximately \$13.2 million each. Upgrades totaling \$18 million would be made to Washington, Adams and a section of Baldwin. Quincy High School would be enlarged to include 9th graders and other upgrades and some renovations would be made to Quincy Junior High which would serve 6-8 grade students. Ellington would be converted to a center for maintenance and transportation. Berrian could serve as an alternative program site and Madison would be closed. Total cost for this plan is \$71.1 million. Another option is for the same elementary schools to serve K-6 and 9th graders would remain at junior high. Cost for that plan is \$73 million. A third option calls for four new buildings, expand QHS and renovate QJHS at a cost of \$79 million. Funding options were discussed including a referendum to increase property taxes or putting a county-wide sales tax increase on the ballot. The sales tax would include all of Adams County. Regarding a referendum, the majority of the District's bond debt will be retired in the next two years opening up an opportunity to fund new buildings without much change in the tax rate for taxpayers. A plan could be funded through one referendum or through two or three phases of referendums. Timeline for completing the plans was also discussed. Mr. Murphy pointed out that one referendum to fund a plan would be the most effective and could be completed in two years. A decision to place a referendum on the March 2014 ballot would need to be made by the December 18, 2013 meeting.



Most Board members are supportive of some new buildings and renovations as opposed to continuing to pump money into obsolete buildings for required life safety repairs. The District has spent over \$50 million in life safety repairs over the past 20 years. Board members would like community input on the plans and funding options. In early December, more community forums and a special Board meeting will be scheduled for further discussion.

TENTATIVE TAX LEVY



At the November 20 meeting, Business Manager Joel Murphy presented the tentative tax levy for 2013. He explained the levy process. He said the levy is the amount of money a school district certifies to be raised. The actual dollar amount billed to the property owners is determined by the county clerk. Equalized Assessed Valuation is expected to increase 3.5%. Last year's rate, excluding Bond and Interest, was 3.3962. This year's projected rate is 3.2956. An increase of 1.89%. This is less than 5% increase. Consequently, no Truth in Taxation notice and hearing will be required.

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS—KEVIN DOUGLAS—QJHS 8TH GRADE ASST BOYS BASKETBALL COACH. KALEB SMITH—VOCATIONAL ADDL ASSIGNMENT PLTW ADMIN DUTIES. LINKSAY BURRY—QHS ASST GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH. KELSEA HOSKINS—K-6 SPEC ED COORD. DEBBIE OLSON—LITERACY INTERVENTION WASHINGTON. PATTY MCGLOTHLIN—LITERACY INTERVENTION WASHINGTON. ADALINE BODEN—PARA BERRIAN. MIKE MAY—SECURITY DISTRICT. JARROD KIRKSEY—PARA QJHS. VANESSA COONS—PARA BERRIAN. SHERISA SHELTON—COOK ELLINGTON. KENDRICK DOUGLAS—DRIVER AM-PM IFT ROUTE. DON DURBIN—DRIVER AM-PM IFT ROUTE.

21ST CCLC EXT DAY BALDWIN—ERICA NICHOLS, JENNIFER BORDENKIRCHER, TIFFANY JONES, ERIN KRUTY, MARIA JOHN, LINDA MCNAY.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—JENNIFER MORAN—FMLA APPROX. 11/24/13 TO 1/21/14. ANDREA NICHOLSON—MEDICAL LEAVE 10/24/13 FOR 6 WEEKS. ERIC NICHOLSON—FMLA 10/25/13. DAWN UFKES—FMLA 12/3/13 TO APPROX. 12/23/13. DEANNA NELSON—FMLA 11/11/13 TO APPROX. 11/22/13. LEANN MILLER—FMLA 11/12/13 TO APPROX. 1/26/14. GENA FINLEY—MEDICAL LEAVE 11/29/13 TO APPROX 1/13/14. LINDA KRAMER—MEDICAL LEAVE THROUGH 12/5/13.

RESIGNATIONS—ASHLEY AEILTS—PBIS COACH MADISON 10/15/13. RON BRIDAL—GIRLS GOLF COACH 10/31/13. ELLEN KEMNER—FOOD SERVICE ADAMS 11/15/13. SUZETTE MCCLURE—PARA QHS 11/27/13. ROBBI FUQUA—PARA BERRIAN 12/31/13. LORI HOEBING—PARA DEWEY 11/15/13.

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY GRANT

The School Board approved submission of the School District Library Grant also known as the Per Capita Grant. This grant program is offered to Illinois School Districts by the Illinois General Assembly. District Librarian Mia Fleegel reported to the Board that over \$50,000 has been awarded to Quincy Public Schools over the past 15 years to enhance our school library programs and improve educational opportunities for students. Last year, our district was awarded \$4,434.75.

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