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SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

BOARD Buzz

Westgate Elementary School ♦ 500 S. Dwyer Avenue ♦ November 15, 2018



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RECOGNITIONS & WELCOMES

District 25 recognized and thanked their seven School Board Members in honor of School Board Members Day in Illinois. "We want to thank our seven SB Members as today is SB Member Day in the state of IL. These seven are elected and volunteer their time, many hours throughout the week to ensure District 25 is set up for success." - Dr. Lori Bein, Superintendent

The Board congratulated the South Middle School and Thomas Middle School cross country athletes who participated in the state tournament.



TAKING ACTION

Business

2018 Tax Levy Adoption

APPROVED

The tentative tax levy was presented to the Board at the October 28, 2018 board meeting. It has been posted on the District website and no comments have been received from the public. There have been no changes to the proposed levy from the tentative levy. A public hearing was held prior to this board meeting and there were no comments or questions from the public.

Levy Break Down: 4.4% higher than the 2017 levy

- CPI accounts for 2.1%
- Capturing ALL New Growth accounts for 2.3%

Remember: In order to be sure to access all new growth, District 25 must levy more than they think they may get to be sure to cover all unknowns and access all available tax revenue. The District has only one chance to capture new property without going to referendum. This chance is when the new property is initially included in the tax base. It is not detrimental to the taxpayer to submit a levy at a higher rate, because the County Clerk can only allow the District access to the appropriate amount of new growth.

Business

Authorizing Stacey Mallek to serve as Trustee of the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus

APPROVED

Assistant Superintendent of Business/CSBO, Stacey Mallek is widely respected by her colleagues across many Districts. The Illinois Association of School Business Officials nominated Mrs. Mallek to serve as a trustee on the governance board in charge of the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus. This fund is the result of a partnership between the Illinois Association of School Boards, the Illinois Association of School Administrators and IASBO. To learn more about the fund, visit www.isdlafplus.com/.



INFORMATION ITEMS

Department of Student Services

Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Aimée LeBlanc & Early Childhood Coordinator Diane Kaffka presented the: [New Early Childhood Curriculum](http://www.sd25.org/BOEMeeting) - visit www.sd25.org/BOEMeeting

In 2017, the Early Childhood team began exploring options for curriculum to better align with kindergarten curriculum adopted by the Department of Student Learning over the past three years, as well as to ensure alignment with the Early Learning and Development Standards. The Early Childhood team identified and piloted the *Creative Curriculum*, which not only aligns with the Early Learning and Development Standards, but it also emphasizes an experiential way of learning. The Early Childhood team also liked how the *Creative Curriculum* believes in the importance of family involvement in the classroom.

The *Creative Curriculum* allows teachers the freedom to incorporate student interests into the particular unit of study and it allows for a teacher's creativity when choosing instructional materials. It believes in a hands-on learning experience, and it gives teachers the freedom to mold the unit to their students's specific interests.

Recommendation for consideration at the December board meeting:

- Purchase one additional Creative Curriculum kit: \$1,350
- Purchase of supplementary materials: \$2,000
- Formally adopt the *Creative Curriculum* for D25's Early Childhood