The Board conducted this Virtual Meeting via Zoom. The full meeting is available to view on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/c/district158](http://www.youtube.com/c/district158).

**PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS**

**FINDINGS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY REVIEW**

Superintendent Rowe presented an overview of initial findings and recommendations of the Special and General Education Opportunity Review that was conducted by DM Group over the past year.

While a more comprehensive presentation will be provided in the future, Dr. Rowe shared several findings, including five high-leverage opportunities to consider:

- Ensure that general education teachers deliver strong Tier 1 instruction and are well-equipped to differentiate for all students in their classrooms through the support of instructional coaches
- Ensure interventions for students with mild-to-moderate special needs and other struggling learners are provided by staff with deep content expertise and training
- Focus the role of paraprofessionals towards support for students with health, safety, behavior or severe needs
- Ensure social, emotional and behavioral supports are provided proactively across all schools in the district
- Expand the reach of related service providers while also closely managing group size through thoughtful scheduling.

In addition, the review found that the District had higher rates of identification for special education among English learners and racial and ethnic minority populations, which may indicate an opportunity to re-examine the identification process for these groups. Other potential opportunities including expanding expectations for instructional coaching, which is highly effective, but currently voluntary for most teachers. Another opportunity for improvement is achieving more consistency in the ways social workers and paraprofessionals spend their time on a day-to-day basis.

The presentation can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/1mZxF18syFQ?t=7521](https://youtu.be/1mZxF18syFQ?t=7521).

**DRAFT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

**POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF COVID-19 CRISIS**

The Board heard a presentation from Chief Financial Officer Mark Altmayer outlining an FY21 budget reflecting significant potential negative financial impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

The presented draft differed significantly from the first draft presented last month, which did not reflect significant expected impacts from COVID-19.

This draft reflected decreases in several revenue categories, including property taxes, impact fees from new construction, registration fees, rental fees, interest revenue, state funding, and the federal school lunch program.

As a result, this draft reflects an operating deficit of approximately $2 million. Mr. Altmayer stressed that this budget draft did not reflect an attempt to balance the budget, and rather was intended to outline the expected economic impacts of the pandemic without including potential offsetting adjustments, cuts, and deferrals.
Reports

The Board heard reports on the following:
- Continuous improvement of the District’s PLC structure
- The District’s use of remote learning
- Monthly fiscal, revenue and expenditure, FOIA, O&M and construction updates

Action Items

The Board approved the following:
- First reading of an update to the District policy manual as recommended in PRESS.
- Minutes of the Board’s April Regular Meeting
- HR Personnel report, outlining resignations, retirements, terminations, employment, contract revisions, and leave requests for the past month, and a resolution authorizing notice of teacher non-reemployment
- An agreement with Amerigas Propane to provide fixed price propane service for the District’s new propane buses
- Payables: Purchase Orders issued at $6,723,667.88; Imprest checks issued at $93,625.06, Accounts Payable issued at $12,038.37, and Disbursements issued at $7,656,839.13.
- A resolution restricting $1 million currently in the educational fund for “Reserve for Replacement” use in future capital improvements
- A resolution authorizing transfer of funds into the Capital Projects fund for use in the HHS Fine Arts Construction project, in compliance with The Illinois Program Accounting Manual
- Award of Dry Sprinkler Replacement Bid #2020-37(A) to Nelson Fire Protection Company in the amount of $49,175.00
- Curriculum reviews and related new materials in the areas of science, PE, and Health
- Adoption of Star 360 and myIGDIs products from Renaissance Learning as the District’s universal screener assessments
- An extension to the contract with Education Elements to provide support and improvement for the Vanguard Vision competency-based education program and personalization of learning for grades 6-12, in the amount of $31,000
- School year 2020-21 student handbooks
- An intergovernmental agreement for continued participation in the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program
- A resolution authorizing the District to waive local graduation requirements as needed to ensure students who had met State graduation requirements would not be adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.