

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
August 3, 2020

Minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Tentative Budgets for Maine Township High School District 207 and North Suburban Educational Region for Vocational Education (NSERVE), held virtually and on LiveStream on August 3, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aurora Austriaco  
Paula Besler  
Teri Collins  
Linda Coyle  
Jin Lee  
Carla Owen  
Sheila Yousuf-Abramson

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Wallace  
Mary Kalou  
Shawn Messmer  
Greg Dietz  
Katie DiSanza  
Brett Clark  
Ginny Edwards  
Mike Pressler  
Eileen McMahon  
Ben Collins  
Mike Pressler  
Dan Kolen

President Besler called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board Secretary called the roll.

PURPOSE OF HEARING

Assistant Superintendent for Business Ms. Mary Kalou stated that the purpose of the hearing is to allow the public an opportunity to provide commentary on the Maine Township High School District 207 tentative budget and the North Suburban Educational Region for Vocational Education (NSERVE) 2020-2021 budget.

REPORT ON PUBLISHING OF LEGAL NOTICES/DISPLAY OF TENTATIVE BUDGETS

A legal notice was published in the Daily Herald notifying the public that the Board of Education would hold a public hearing on August 3, 2020 regarding the District 207 and NSERVE 2020-2021 budgets. The budgets went on display at the beginning of July at the Administration Center and public libraries and were posted on the District 207 website.

DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE BUDGETS

NSERVE is a vocational joint agreement for which Maine Twp is the administrative agent and is funded by one State and one federal grant. Ms. Kalou noted by Illinois State law, we must adopt the joint agreement and file the annual NSERVE budget with the state by the end of August. The District 207 tentative budget forecasts a \$2 million surplus but this is without COVID 19 expenditures so it is anticipated that the surplus will decrease when the final budget is presented. Revenues are up \$3 million primarily in property taxes, \$1 million of which in new properties. The District received federal stimulus funds to offset COVID expenses however there was a 25% drop in CPPRT. Expenses in salary and medical benefits were kept in line with CPI. The Capital Projects fund will have a substantial deficit in funding our construction projects in that bonds were sold in fiscal year 2020 and the proceeds are being used in 2021. The District 207 budget will be adopted at the September Board meeting and filed with the state by the end of September.

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President Besler asked for questions or comments on the budgets. There was no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Besler adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

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Ginny Edwards, Secretary

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Paula Besler, President