

## **Budget Committee Meeting**

Monday, July 10, 2023 5:00 PM

Unit #10 Administrative Annex, 123 W. Clay, Collinsville, IL 62234

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Input**

5. **Approval of Minutes**

# Memorandum

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To: Board Budget Committee Members

From: Dr. Dennis Craft, Chairman

Re: Budget Committee Minutes – June 12, 2023 Meeting

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**Call to Order** A meeting of the Budget Committee of the Board of Education of Collinsville Community Unit School District No. 10 was held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Administrative Annex, 123 W. Clay, Collinsville, Illinois.

**Roll Call** Members present were: Dennis Craft, Chairman; Tim Hasamear; and Jeree Bronnbauer. Other board members present were: Vicki Reulecke, Jane Soehlke and Gary Peccola. Also present were administrators Dr. Brad Skertich, Brad Hyre, Jamie Hadjan, Derek Turner, Josh DeWitte, Latoya Berry-Coleman and Kevin Robinson; and recording secretary, Debbie Peccola.

**Pledge of Allegiance** Dr. Craft led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input** Dr. Craft provided an opportunity for public input and no one sought to be recognized.

**Minutes** A motion was made by Bronnbauer and seconded by Hasamear to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

**Discussion Items**

1. Summer Projects Update: Mr. DeWitte updated the committee on several projects at CHS including new ductwork in the gym, restroom renovations, installation of new HVAC units, elevator work, painting of ceiling grids and installation of new ceiling pads. At Webster, demolition has been completed for the restroom renovations, and floor and wall prep is underway. As part of in-house work at DIS, concrete is being poured for a new loading dock and should be completed next week.
2. Personnel Update – Mr. Robinson plans to have recommendations for open assistant principal positions for the June 26 regular meeting. As far as certified positions, he also plans to have recommendations for two counselor positions, two social worker positions, a special education teaching position and an elementary teacher position. Non-certified openings will be addressed in the coming weeks.
3. Budget Update:  
Mrs. Hadjan said her department has been very busy as the preliminary audit started today and the auditors will be back in August to continue the process. She reported they switched companies who provide employee life insurance which will give employees more options for purchasing additional coverage without the necessity of medical screening. Also changes were made with medical/dental coverage that does not require

bundling of both medical and dental in order to obtain dental coverage for the employee's family members.

She reported there were no additional changes to the tentative amended budgets for either the Unit budget or the CAVC budget since the last meeting. She may make some small adjustment to increase Fund 60 (Capital Projects) in the Unit budget prior to the June 26 regular meeting.

Character Education – Mr. Clay Smith said Character Plus is venturing into athletics with a program called Athleadership Academy in Character Education (AACE) that is designed to promote positive character development and leadership skills in student athletes at the high school level. Coaches would select a couple of students from each team who would attend three two-hour training sessions with the coaches and AACE leaders. Alton High School began the program this past year with positive feedback, and all but one of the other Southwestern Conference schools are committed to the program for next fall. The cost of the program is \$3,750 per year. Given the growing number of incidents of poor sportsmanship over the past years, Mr. Smith believes the program would be highly beneficial to the students in helping develop strong leadership traits. The committee concurred, and recommends taking approval of the program to the full board for approval at the June meeting. Mrs. Berry-Coleman said she believes there would be funding available for the program through one of the district's grant programs.

Bowling Coach Stipend Proposal – Mr. Smith and Mr. Robinson presented a recommendation to restructure the bowling coaching staff due to the growth of the sport and the future of the coaching staff. The proposal would provide for a varsity head coach for each the boys and girls teams, with the coach of each team to receive a stipend. Each team would also have one paid assistant coach, bringing the total to two paid assistant coaches. The changes would mirror what other conference schools are doing and would provide for better coverage of events for the district. Mr. Robinson will discuss with the CEA moving the positions on the salary schedule to align the bowling stipends with those for cross country, golf and tennis. Dr. Skertich said the administration would also be monitoring the stipend changes to insure compliance with the 6% provisions on compensation increases. After discussion, the committee recommends that the proposal be taken to the full board for consideration at the June regular meeting.

E-Sports Update – Mr. Smith and Mr. Turner gave an update on adding an e-sports program at the high school. Mr. Smith said 2021-22 was the first year the IHSA offered the e-sports opportunities, and the number of schools participating has grown significantly since then. Mr. Turner provided input on the games that would be played, team makeup and cost of the necessary equipment. The total would be approximately \$20,000. At this time, they are not recommending a stipend for the sponsor, but will be looking at whether that should be paid down the road. The committee

discussed how the program may help engage students who would not otherwise participate in team activities and the opportunity to learn lifelong skills. The committee recommends taking the proposal to the full board for consideration at the June regular meeting.

4. The next meeting of the Board Budget Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Administrative Annex.
5. There being no further business, Dr. Craft declared the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

6. **Building and Grounds Update**

7. **Personnel Update**

8. **Budget Update**

8.1. Community Eligibility Provision Update

8.2. CAVC Fiscal Year 2024 Tentative Budget

8.3. Creative Entourage - Community Engagement

9. **Next Meeting Date**

10. **Adjourn**