

## **Business Office Update January 25, 2016 Meeting**

### **Consumer Price Index**

- The Consumer Price Index – Urban for December, 2015 has been released. The CPI-U is up 0.7% over December, 2014. This number is used for calculating the allowable increase in the property tax levy in PTELL districts.
- The increase of 0.7% will be reflected in the property taxes that will be paid in June & September, 2017. This property tax revenue will be used to fund the 2017-18 school district budget

### **Paving/Landscape & Lighting/Electrical Project Update**

- Bids for both projects will be going out early next month. I am looking at having a recommendation on both projects for the board in the March 14 board packet. I would like to have the board take action on the recommendation at the March 14, 2016 meeting if possible. This will allow contractors to get supplies on order and schedule our work so that we are able to start early in the summer and not bump up against the start of school.
- We did have our electrician look at the old Federal Pacific switch gear. The job is not nearly as difficult as we originally thought. Instead of including this in the bid, I'm planning on having it completed by our regular electrician over Spring Break at a cost of approximately \$8500. Originally, we thought that the work would be in the \$50,000 range. This will require that the power in that section of the building be turned off for two days in order to remove the old switch gear and install a new, smaller box. The new box will have additional open slots so we can add circuits in the future if needed.

### **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors**

- We are still waiting on the State Fire Marshall to create the rules and standards for CO detectors. There are no battery operated CO detectors manufactured for commercial or school use. The State Fire Marshall is actively working on a solution to this issue so that it can meet the intent of Public Act 99-0470. Once the rules are created, they will go the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for final approval. At this point, there is no anticipated date when this will be accomplished.

### **Donations**

- Two donations were received from the AbbVie Employee Engagement Fund totaling \$109.26
- A donation was received from Lindenfest, Inc. in the amount of \$100

### **Activities**

- I attended the Wadsworth Road Project Stakeholder meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016. At this meeting, we reviewed proposed changes to the intersections at Wadsworth Road and Kilbourne Road, Delaney Road, and Route 41. We will have two more meetings before the plans will be presented at a Public Hearing in the Fall of 2016.
- I attended the Volcano meeting at Deerfield Elementary on Friday, January 15, 2016. We reviewed the visuals for the student fee survey that the group conducted. We also set a calendar for the data that will collect over the next year.

- I was the moderator at the Northeast Illinois Association of School Business Officials meeting at the Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove on Friday, January 15, 2016. The panel consisted of Representative Carol Sente, Representative Sheri Jesiel, Senator Julie Morrison, and John Amdor, the Legislative Director for Representative Elaine Nekritz. The meeting was a true dialogue with the legislators present. We discussed the following topics: pension reform, unfunded mandates, prevailing wage, workers compensation, property taxes, general state aid, zoning issues, school consolidation, and the impact on school districts of the proposed route 53 expansion.
- Mr. Lind and I had a phone conference with Fanning-Howey to discuss the components of the lighting project that will go out to bid next month.
- Terry Miller, Head of Buildings and Grounds, Steve Mountz from Johnson Control, and I had a phone conference regarding the Demand Response Electrical agreement. We did learn that we will receive payment for whatever reductions we can make in our electrical consumption during the annual test. This test is typically one hour, but could be as long as 4 hours. We will be given a 30 minute notice to implement our energy reduction strategy between June and the end of September between noon and 8 p.m. For each kw we are able to reduce, we will receive \$15.17. For instance, if we are able to reduce 200 kw, we would receive a payment of \$3034. Steve Mountz from Johnson Control will set up a couple of electronic buttons for us to use for this purpose. One will be if the event occurs during the summer when we have limited staff and students in the building and another will be if the event occurs in September when school is in session.