PUBLIC HEARING
2014 TAX LEVY

Mr. Corsi called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m. regarding the proposed tax levy increase for the 2014 tax year. Mr. Corsi noted that this hearing had been posted and published per the Open Meetings Act and that we are in compliance with Illinois State Board of Education procedures.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear public comments with regard to the proposed tax levy. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2014 are $85,042,308. This represents a 4.9% increase over the previous year. We will likely receive a 1.5% to 1.7% increase. Mr. Corsi asked for comments and/or questions from the public regarding the 2014 tax levy.

Hearing no comments from the public, Mr. Corsi closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to go into the already scheduled Board of Education meeting. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, Mrs. Burmeister, Dr. Pratl, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

Mr. Corsi called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Marco Corsi, President
          Tom Kosowski, Vice-President
          Karen Burmeister, Secretary
          Donald Pratl
          Johnny Holmes
          Larry Harris
          Dr. John Byrne, Superintendent
          Dr. Ty Harting, Asst. Supt., Human Resources
          Mrs. Gail O'Dea, Secretary to the Board

ABSENT: Randy Heuser

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: 38
Mr. Corsi asked if anyone wanted to remove any of the agenda item from Consent. Dr. Pratl requested to remove 12a. Personnel List #2014-12 to Closed Session for discussion.

COMMENDATIONS

Dwight D. Eisenhower High School
National Merit Scholarship
Ramon Rodriguez

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, Ramon Rodriguez, a senior at Eisenhower High School, earned Commended Student honors this fall from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and,

Whereas, NMSC presents this honor to seniors who scored in the top five percent of the 1.5 million students who took the National Merit Qualifying Test/Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge academic excellence, offer sincerest congratulations to Ramon Rodriguez for his achievement, which has brought much honor to himself, his family, Eisenhower High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2014, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

MIKE CURTA
ROB CABELLO
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, in October 2014, Eisenhower High School student Kejuan McIntosh collapsed at a basketball open gym; and,

Whereas, fortunately Kejuan collapsed right outside the office of athletic trainer Rob Cabello, who immediately assessed the situation and instructed varsity head coach Mike Curta to call 911 and retrieve the automated external defibrillator from the training office; and,

Whereas, Rob administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation and Mike attached the AED to Kejuan; and,

Whereas, following his training, Rob continued to administer CPR when instructed by the AED, which would shock Kejuan twice in the hallway and twice more in the ambulance; and,
Whereas, paramedics soon arrived and rushed Kejuan to Advocate Christ Medical Center where he was stabilized; and,

Whereas, the doctors in the emergency room explained to Rob, Mike and Kejuan’s family that athletes who suffer this type of cardiac incident usually survive less than one percent of the time and that Rob’s quick action saved his life; and,

Whereas, Kejuan today continues to recover, with doctors explaining that they have never seen anyone recover at such a rapid pace from such a traumatic incident.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge service to others, offer sincerest thanks to Rob Cabello and Mike Curta for their decisive and heroic actions, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Eisenhower High School and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2014, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

Alan B. Shepard High School  
National Merit Scholarship  
Eva Adomaityte  
Nathaniel Gibson

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, Eva Adomaityte and Nathaniel Gibson, seniors at Shepard High School, earned Commended Student honors this fall from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and,

Whereas, NMSC presents this honor to seniors who scored in the top five percent of the 1.5 million students who took the National Merit Qualifying Test/Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge academic excellence, offer sincerest congratulations to Eva Adomaityte and Nathaniel Gibson for their achievement, which has brought much honor to themselves, their families, Shepard High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2014, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, Kevin Kozik and Caitlin O’Sullivan, seniors at Richards High School, earned Commended Student honors this fall from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and,

Whereas, NMSC presents this honor to seniors who scored in the top five percent of the 1.5 million students who took the National Merit Qualifying Test/Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge academic excellence, offer sincerest congratulations to Kevin Kozik and Caitlin O’Sullivan for their achievement, which has brought much honor to themselves, their families, Richards High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2014, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, Kimberly Leeper, a senior at Shepard High School, recently earned a Cook County Sheriff’s Youth Service Medal of Honor; and,

Whereas, Kimberly earned this prestigious award through her volunteer work at Palos Community Hospital; and,

Whereas, the volunteer work at Palos Community Hospital involves refilling patients' water pitchers, passing out food trays, cleaning the computers, changing garbage bags, completing the charge nurse's paperwork (including making surgical packets and organizing transfer papers), making coffee, feeding patients, and transferring patients to other areas in the hospital.
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Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge service to others, offer sincerest thanks to Kimberly Leeper for her generosity and kindness, which have brought much honor to herself, her family, Shepard High School and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2014, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

Harold L. Richards
Bulldogs
Bob Peck

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, teacher Bob Peck has organized Running with the Bulldogs the past three years at Richards High School; and,

Whereas, the planning and organizing for this event, recognized as the largest 5K in the south suburbs, involves an enormous amount of time, energy, and expertise; and,

Whereas, proceeds from Running with the Bulldogs have been donated to the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, a charity that provides free toys and gift cards to children and teenagers in treatment for cancer; and,

Whereas, after this year’s donation of $7,100, Running with the Bulldogs to date has contributed more than $25,000 to the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge service to others, offer sincerest thanks to Bob Peck for organizing Running with the Bulldogs, which has brought much honor to himself, his family, Richards High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2014, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, the varsity football team from Richards High School recently added a new chapter to the program’s long and proud history; and,

Whereas, for the 21st time in team history, the Richards Bulldogs advanced to the state quarterfinals; and,

Whereas, the Bulldogs completed an 8-1 regular season and won the South Suburban Conference Red Division championship; and,

Whereas, the Bulldogs defeated Oak Forest and Lincoln-Way West to open the playoffs before losing to state runner-up Lemont in the quarterfinals; and,

Whereas, over the past two seasons the Bulldogs have produced a tremendous record of 22-4, including a 6-2 mark in the IHSA playoffs.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge athletic excellence, offer sincerest congratulations to head coach Tony Sheehan, all our coaches, and the varsity football team for their many achievements, which have brought much honor to themselves, their families, Richards High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2014 by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
Varsity Soccer Team
Francisco Avila

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Whereas, Francisco Avila, a junior at Eisenhower High School, enjoyed a tremendous season for the varsity soccer team; and,

Whereas, Francisco helped lead the Eisenhower Cardinals to numerous victories over highly-ranked opponents and to the South Suburban Conference Red Division championship; and,

Whereas, Francisco also earned numerous individual honors, including All-South Suburban Conference, All-Area, and All-State.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education and Administration of Community High School District 218, in an effort to support and acknowledge athletic excellence, offer
sincerest congratulations to Francisco Avila for his achievements, which have brought much honor to himself, his family, Eisenhower High School, and Community High School District 218.

Adopted this 15th day of December 2014, by order of the Board of Education of Community High School District 218.

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mrs. Burmeister to approve the Commendations as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Kosowski, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Corsi voting aye.

Mr. Corsi congratulated the students and faculty in attendance and excused those that had received an award.

Mr. Corsi wished everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Sernus, a district resident, asked for a copy of an agenda. An agenda and packet was provided to Mr. Sernus.

BOARD MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND

No response.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

CHSD 218 PAYABLES
The following disbursements were presented for approval: District 218: $2,391,295.66; November Payroll, $4,770,103.32; and a Grand Total of $7,161,398.98.

MACS PAYABLES
Moraine Area Career System
Educational Total - $2,079.98

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the Personnel List #2014-12 to be discussed during Closed. The motion carried on roll call with Dr. Pratl, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Corsi, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.
FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report as of November 30, 2014 was presented to the Board of Education for their review.

Mr. Daley noted the following:

- For the month of November the district received $1.4 million in revenue.
- Local Sources: (30.7%) Real Estate Taxes received $311,000. Enterprise Revenues were $113,000
- Expenditures for the month were $8.2 million.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

A technology report along with a recap of the technology expenses throughout the district was presented to the Board of Education for their review.

Dr. Pratl asked what Visiwick is as he was not aware of it. Dr. Byrne replied that it is a mobile app where we will be able to provide parents, students, teachers and administrators complete mobile connectivity. This will increase communications and you will not need a PC.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT

A report outlining the current projects at all of the buildings was presented to the Board for their information and review.

SECURITY REPORT

A summary of incidents that occurred at each of the buildings was presented to the Board for their information and review.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S UPDATE

Mr. Daley submitted the monthly Board of Education Business Manager’s Report which included the following:

- Tax Levy – 2014 Hearing and Levy approval are on tonight’s agenda.
- State Funds: The State is very slow in paying us. We have only received state aid payments for this fiscal year and a few state grant payments.
- Veto Session: SB2221 would increase the exposure to legal liability for school districts by eliminating the statute of limitations on any lawsuit due to health problems caused by asbestos. If this bill is signed our insurance rates will increase. There were no pension amendment bills or pension cost shift bills passed.
- Bond Sale Proceeds: We received the proceeds the first week of December and the net amount was $7,993,147.22. At the January or February meeting we will ask the Board to transfer this amount from the Working Cash Fund to the Construction Fund and the Operation and Maintenance Fund.
STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The district student enrollment report was presented to the Board for their information and review. The total district enrollment for November, 2014 was 5,482 students. The individual building totals were Eisenhower, 1,733; Richards, 1,703; Shepard, 1,816; Delta 77; and Summit, 71 students. Outplacement for ABS, 36; DDE, 26; and HLR, 20 were also provided.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we received the information requests listed below:

- Chicago Lawyers Committee
  - Board Member information
- N. McClendon
  - School District Audits 2012-2014
  - Audit/Expenditures for Board members from 2012-2014

The responses are on file in the Superintendent’s office.

EVALUATION OF INSTITUTE DAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Eisenhower hosted the second Institute Day for the current school year. This year’s institute was devoted to the 3rd CHSD 218 Teacher Fair. Included in this report were survey results from our teachers that will be forwarded to the South Cook Intermediate Service Center 4.

In general, the teachers gave positive comments about the day and would like to see the teacher fair held again. A new committee of administrators and teachers will begin making plans for the 4th teachers’ fair in 2016-17.

Dr. Pratl questioned the negative comments regarding the speaker. Dr. Harting stated that the speaker was the 2007 Texas High School Teacher of the Year and addressed the group on equity and opportunity. Dr. Harting further stated that he thought she would have been a dynamic speaker and she was not.

Mrs. Burmeister asked what is flipping a classroom. Mr. Ryan explained the concept. The flipped classroom is a model in which the typical lecture and homework elements of a course are viewed by students at home before the class session, while in-class time is devoted to exercises, projects, or discussions. Mr. Ryan stated that this works best in certain classes and depends on the lessons and the teacher.

COMMON UNIT ASSESSMENT RESULTS: ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE

The Board was provided a report containing results for the third set of common unit assessments in English, mathematics, and science courses. Retest results were not included in this report. The report contained the grade distribution for each assessment as well as the number and percentage of skills or objectives mastered.
In summary, we are in an era of transition in terms of standardized assessment at the state level. We are focusing our efforts on what we can control and that is the construction, preparation for, and analysis of our local assessments.

There was no discussion by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Pratl asked about the legal invoices and Dr. Byrne stated that they will be in the after-Board delivery. In addition, Dr. Pratl thanked Administration for the copies of hiring procedures and the nepotism policies. He further stated that we need to figure out where the nepotism is and conquer it. He will continue to research.

PROPOSAL TO ADOPT THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The proposed calendar is based on the corresponding dates of the 2014-2015 school year with a few modifications. Here are the highlights:

- August 11 and 12 open up the school year with faculty institute days.
- 2015 does not have a November election. However, there is a March election. We will have an institute day on March 15 per the Board’s directive not to have students in attendance on an election day.
- The calendar includes a nine week window for PARCC testing. The testing window begins March 7 and concludes May 20.
- Barring any emergency days, the school year will conclude on May 27.

Mr. Corsi stated that he would like to see more full weeks and less late starts. Discussion continued among the Board Members and they discussed the option of tabling the calendar until next month. Mr. Corsi stated that we need to move forward as the feeder districts rely on what we are doing with our calendar so we need to move forward with approving the calendar at tonight’s meeting. Next year Mr. Corsi would like to start a couple of months earlier and review the calendar thoroughly. It was noted that we used four snow days last year and we are allowed five.

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the adoption of the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Holmes, Dr. Pratl, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Corsi, Mr. Kosowski, and Mr. Harris voting aye.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2014

The Resolution providing for the Tax Levy for the year 2014 was presented to the Board for their approval. The Board was provided a worksheet with the levy that is being proposed. This levy assumes additional new property of $7,000,000 but an overall decrease of $214,787,596 in EAV. The proposed levy is 4.9 percent higher than the 2013 extension.

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the Resolution Providing for the Tax Levy as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Dr. Pratl, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.
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A copy of the signed Resolution is attached to the minutes.

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING TAX LEVY TO INDIVIDUAL FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT
PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW

The Resolution allocating the tax levy to individual funds of the district was presented to the Board for their approval.

Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mrs. Burmeister to approve the Resolution allocating the tax levy to individual funds of the district – property tax extension limitation law, as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

BID #1451 - 2015 ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT ALAN B. SHEPARD

The roof replacement project at Shepard hosted its bid opening on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Administration Center. We received and opened twelve sealed bids for the subject project. The scope of work for this project is to remove and replace roof sections in the academic wing. Bid specification were prepared and duly advertised in the SouthtownStar as prescribed by law. The bid package was also posted on our website as well as mailed to all known local contractors. After review, the three lowest qualified bidders for this project listed lowest to highest are: National Roofing Corp. at $804,300, D. E., Riddiford at $812,500 and DCG Roofing Solution at $841,599. It was noted that National Roofing stated there was an error in their bid and voluntarily withdrew. Therefore, the apparent lowest qualified bidder is D. G. Riddiford Company.

Discussion continued among the Board Members. Mr. Kosowski asked if Riddiford was involved last year. Dr. Byrne confirmed that Riddiford did a portion of the roof last year as it was split to get the job done before the students returned. Mr. Ford stated that Riddiford did a great job last year. Mr. Harris questioned the warrantee and it was noted that there is a 20 year manufacturer's warrantee and three years on labor. Mr. Harris stated that this gives us additional protection as it wasn’t offered in the past.

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Kosowski to award the contract to G. E. Riddiford Company in the amount of $812,500.00 as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, Mrs. Burmeister, Dr. Pratl, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Pratl ask about the superintendent application process and Mr. Corsi confirmed that over 60 applicants have applied. In addition, Dr. Longo will be bringing some dates to the Board to meet in January.

Mr. Harris thanked everyone for the condolences that he received regarding his mom's recent passing. Mr. Corsi commented that his mom had been ill for a very long time.

Mr. Corsi thanked everyone for attending and wished all present Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.
At 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Burmeister moved, seconded by Mr. Kosowski to adjourn the meeting and go into Closed to discuss the Personnel List #2014-12, employment of specific employees and possible litigation. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Harris, Dr. Pratl, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

*******CLOSED******

At 9:25 p.m. Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to reconvene into Open Session. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Corsi, Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

PERSONNEL LIST #2014-12

The Personnel List consisted of two certified retirements, one certified appointment, three certified leave of absences, two classified resignations, and four classified appointments. In addition, stipend payments for Eisenhower, Richards, Shepard, and travel were presented for approval.

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Dr. Pratl to approve the Personnel List #2014-12 as presented. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Corsi, Mr. Kosowski, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Holmes voting aye.

POSTING NEW POSITION

Dr. Pratl moved, seconded by Mr. Harris to post the new position: Chief Facilities Officer immediately. The motion carried on roll call with Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Harris, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Corsi, Mr. Kosowski, and Mr. Holmes voting aye.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Kosowski moved, seconded by Mrs. Burmeister to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried on roll call with Mr. Harris, Dr. Pratl, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Corsi, Mrs. Burmeister, and Mr. Kosowski voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education