

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD MEETING
Administration Building
360 Colborne Street

July 30, 2013
4:30 PM

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Introductions

II. AGENDA

A. Preview of SPPS FY 14 Levy

1. Introduction
2. Presentation
3. Discussion
4. Action (No Action Required)

B. Standing Item: Policy Update

C. Work Session

1. Board Public Comment
2. Board Travel/Conference Plans

III. ADJOURNMENT



2014 Levy Information

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Purpose



To present the committee of the Board an update on the pay14 levy and legislative changes related to the referendum calculation.



Agenda



1. Legislative changes to referendum
2. Referendum calculation
3. Levy calendar



2013 Legislative Referendum Action



- 2013 State Legislature made changes to the referendum levy system calculations
- Under old calculations referendum was \$43.1 million
- Under new calculations referendum is \$43.1 million
- Bottom line for SPPS – no change in referendum amount



What is different?

Per pupil amount will be adjusted as a result of:

- Change in resident pupil units
- Weight changes
- Location Equity Revenue (LER) of \$424 for large urban/suburban districts. MDE will automatically make this adjustment—results in additional tax relief.



Preliminary Estimate for New Referendum Calculation



Description	Amount
Old Law- (includes charter and open enrollment pupils)	\$840 per pupil
New Law—excludes charters and open enrollment and weight changes	\$1,028 per pupil
Location Equity Revenue (LER) is then subtracted from amount	\$424 per pupil
Estimated new referendum	\$ 604 per pupil
(Referendum + LER) X pupil unit =	\$43.1 million for SPPS

Additional Option

- Boards may shift additional \$300 of referendum revenue from voter approved to board approved for up to five years
- Must be done by September 30th as part of total levy certification process
- Results in no additional referendum revenue
- Board has the option under current law of making conversion in the future

State Levy Calendar

Date	Action
August	District submit levy information to MDE
August 31	Deadline for BOE to opt out of LER revenue
September 8	Deadline for MDE to certify levy limitations (often delayed) to schools
September 30	Deadline for BOE to certify proposed levy, including conversion to Board approved referendum
September 30	Deadline for letter on intent for QCom
October 11	Submit proposed levy to MDE
After November election	TNT notices sent by Ramsey County
November 24-December 28	Public budget hearing and final certification



Proposed SPPS Levy Calendar



Date	Action
September 10	COB meeting review preliminary levy
September 17	Approve maximum levy at BOE Set date for taxpayer input meeting
September 30	JPTAC meeting to adopt joint levy
December 3	Public Hearing on Budget and Levy--6pm
December 17	Approve final levy at BOE meeting



Board Action Requested



- Accept MDE adjustment for location equity revenue—no board action required

Questions