

Thornton Township High School District 205



Board of Education Meeting

December 12, 2012

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Blue Island * Burnham * Calumet City * Dixmoor * Dolton * East Hazel Crest * Harvey *
Hazel Crest * Lansing * Markham * Phoenix * Posen * Riverdale * South Holland
* Thornton

Open Session



Roll Call



Pledge of Allegiance



Committee of the Whole



- Report from Curriculum Committee
- Report from Finance Committee
- Report from Policy Committee
- Report from Discipline Committee

Consent Agenda



- **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of October 10, 2012
- **Approval of District 205 Bills dated:** October 11, October 18, October 26, November 1, November 8, November 15, November 21, November 30 and December 6, 2012
- **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence and Employment dated July 11, September 12, October 10, November 9 and December 6, 2012

Public Participation



We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a crucial nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

FOIA

- Mr. Doss



Unfinished Business



New Business



- Recommended Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip (Thornton Cheerleaders) (*Policy Section 4:28*) –
Mr. Ratliff (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of 2012 Tax Levy and Resolution
(Policy Section 4:10) –
Mr. Grossi (*Approval Needed*)

Thornton Township High School District 205

Presentation of Final Levy

December 12, 2012

Timetable for Tax Levy Adoption

➤ November 14, 2012

Presentation of Estimated Aggregate Tax Levy

➤ December 12, 2012

At the regular board meeting, adopt the 2012 Tax Levy, including all appropriate resolutions. **Note since levy request is less than 5% higher than prior year extension, the District is not required to hold a hearing.**

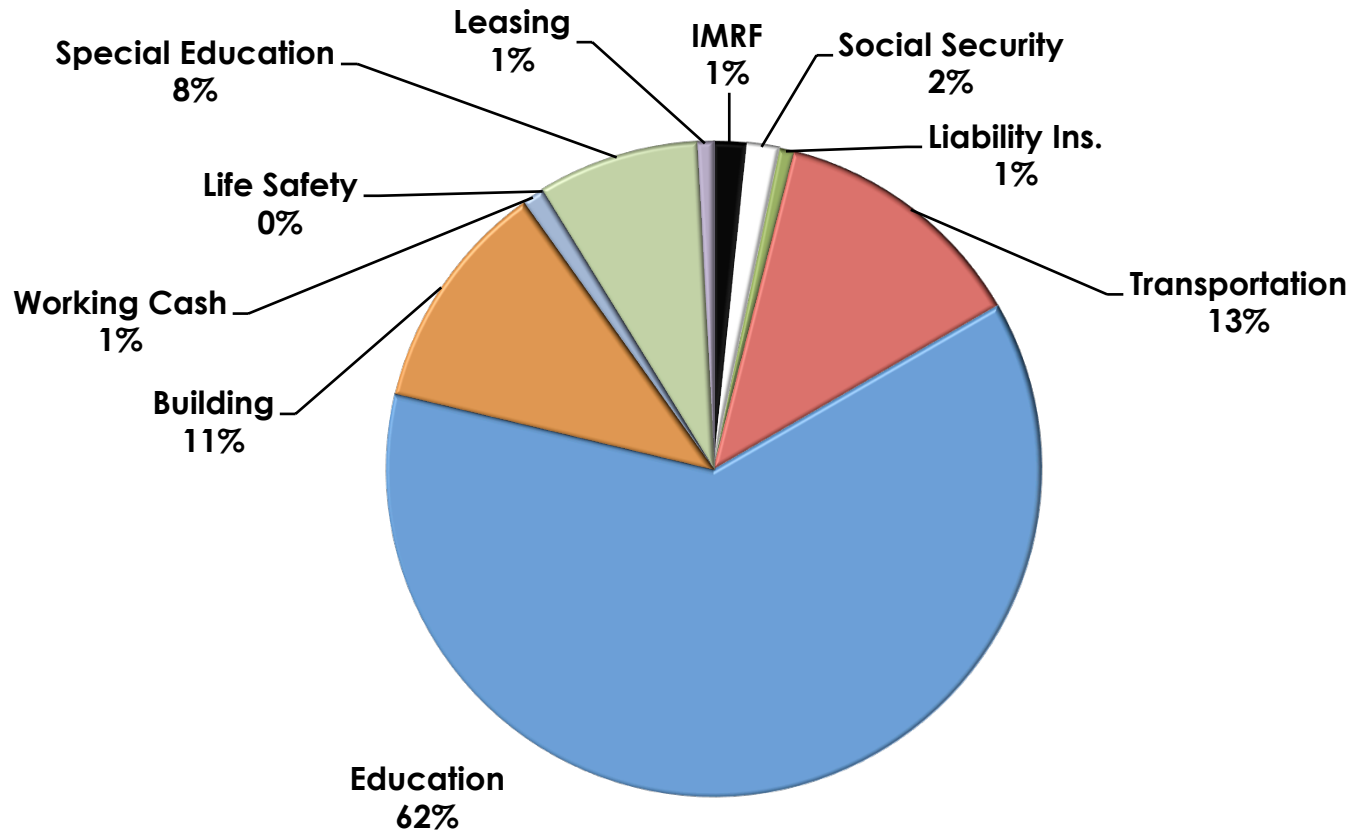
➤ December 21, 2012

File necessary documents with the County Clerk on or before this date

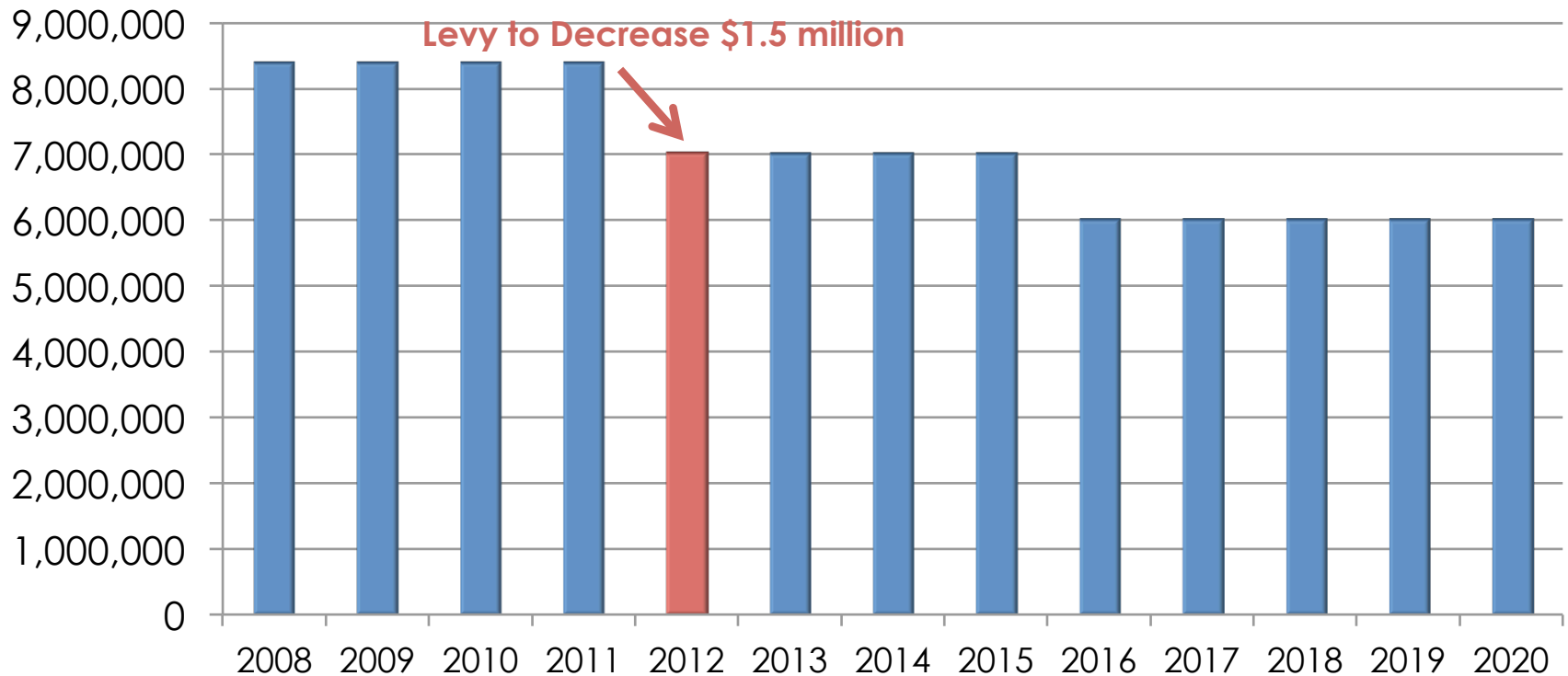
Breakdown of Levy Request

Fund Description	Levy Amount
IMRF Fund	1,000,000
Social Security Fund	1,000,000
Liability Insurance Fund	500,000
Transportation Fund	8,000,000
Education Fund	39,100,000
Building Fund	7,200,000
Working Cash Fund	700,000
Life Safety Fund	1,000
Special Education Fund	5,000,000
Leasing Fund	<u>500,000</u>
Total Levy	63,001,000

Breakdown of Levy Request (2)



Bond and Interest Levies



Estimated Impact to District (Versus Prior Year)

- It is estimated that the tax extension for non-bond and interest funds will increase \$1.8 million.
- It is estimated that the tax extension for the bond fund will decrease \$1.5 million.
- Therefore, the total tax increase is estimated to be approximately \$300,000 (approximately one-half of one percent).

Estimated Impact to Taxpayers (Assuming \$80,000 MV Home)

- The increase due to non-bond and interest levy is approximately \$24 versus the previous tax year.
- The decrease due to the reduction in the bond and interest levy is approximately \$17 versus the previous tax year.
- Therefore, the **total increase** is estimated to be \$7 versus the previous tax year.

Why the District Must Consider This Levy?

Major Revenue Decreases Anticipated

2013

- District will lose \$3.7 million in General State-Aid (“GSA”)
- District will lose \$3.9 million in ARRA Grants
- District will lose \$1.1 million in Transportation Aid

2014

- District will lose \$3.8 million in GSA
- District will lose \$1.5 million Small Community Grant

2015

- District will lose \$1.4 million in GSA

Additional Concerns/Threats:

- ❑ Shifting of pension obligations from the State to the District.
 - ❑ Estimated Impact: \$1.5-\$3 million per year
- ❑ Legislation limiting real estate tax growth to 0% when property values decline.
 - ❑ Estimated Impact: \$1.8 million per year
- ❑ District forced to repay school improvement grant.
 - ❑ Estimated Impact: \$1.6 million (one-time)
- ❑ State considering further decrease in proration of General State-Aid
 - ❑ Estimated Impact: \$300,000 for every 1% decrease
- ❑ Possible Charter School Coming Into District
 - ❑ Estimated Impact: \$1.4 million per 100 student charter school enrollment

The Problem:

- It is likely that the District will be forced to operate with at least \$14 million less State and Federal revenues than it received in 2012. This unfortunately requires the District to continue to rely on local resources to balance its budget.

The Challenge:

- The District must figure out a way to improve the quality of education it provides to its students with less resources.
- An extended economic crisis will threaten the District's long-term ability to maintain quality programs, retain quality staff and keep open all three of its buildings.

Why it Matters?

As elected officials of the entire community, the board of education has a unique role that is often overlooked. They are not only responsible for the students that are currently in their buildings, they are responsible for the little brothers and sisters of those students who are still in diapers and for the children who will become part of the community 5, 10 and 20 years down the road.

School districts need a solid plan and vision to navigate through an extended fiscal crisis to ensure that the community will always have quality teachers, programs and facilities for their children.

Source: Illinois Association of School Business Officials Update Magazine, Winter 2012.

Tax Levy Presentation

▣ Questions?

New Business



- Recommended Approval for Appointment of IMRF Agent
(Policy Section 3:50) –
Mr. Thomas (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Corporate Authorization Resolution (*Policy Section 4:10*) –
Mr. Thomas (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Snow Removal Bid (*Policy Section 4:60*) –
Mr. Thomas (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of District Improvement Plan Process
(Policy Section 1:20) –
Mr. Fickes (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of School Improvement Plans Process for Thornridge, Thornton and Thornwood (*Policy Section 1:20*) – **Mr. Fickes** (*Approval Needed*)

Superintendent's Report



Executive Session



- Student Discipline
- Employee Grievances
- Personnel

Reconvene Open Session



- Student Discipline Case Nos. 1-AC-1213-01; 1-HHS-1213-02; 3-HHS-1213-03; 3-FA-1213-04; 3-CA-1213-05 and 1-HHS-1213-03.
- Employee Grievances: Faculty Association Case Nos. 091012, 091712 and 101812; Clerical Case Nos. 101912-1 and 101912-2.

Adjournment

