DISTRICT’S 2020–2021 AUDIT AND FINANCIAL RESULTS APPROVED
The Board of Education approved the District’s fiscal year 2020–2021 audit and financial results, as presented by Crowe LLP, the District’s auditor. Crowe LLP did not issue any findings and determined the District to be in good financial health. The Illinois State Board of Education is expected to assign the District a Financial Recognition rating—the highest rating possible—based on the audit results.

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES 2021 FINAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY
The District 162 Board of Education approved the 2021 Final Property Tax Levy. Mr. Craig Englert, assistant superintendent of business services, presented information on the 2021 tax levy, explaining that the levy is simply a request to the County Clerk for the amount to be raised by taxes from property owners in the District in 2021. Tax cap legislation implemented in 1994 limits any property tax increases to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as reported in December 2020, or 5 percent, whichever is less. The CPI for this year’s levy is 1.4 percent.

Mr. Englert explained that there are two factors that go into calculating a property owner’s tax payments: (1) the levy established by taxing bodies establishes the amount taxed to the entire taxing district and (2) the property values, or equalized assessed valuations (EAV), determine how much or what portion each taxpayer pays of that levy. He explained that the county adds a loss factor to the levy to account for uncollectible taxes, particularly for bond levies, and that loss factor is currently 10 percent. He said the levy is $25,045,200—a 2.6 percent increase over the 2020 final extension. The 2.6 percent increase in the levy is to capture any new property that may be added to the tax rolls in 2021. He said the effect on taxpayers will be an increase of about 1.4 percent in the District 162 portion of their property tax levy.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS
The Board approved:
- the employment of Maya Armour, cadre substitute at Arcadia School, effective September 27, 2021.
- the employment of Bethora Robinson, lunchroom supervisor at Huth Middle School, effective November 15, 2021.
- the employment of Andr’e Satchell, learning loss tutor and building support at Arcadia School, effective retroactively to September 8, 2021.

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Kevin Murphy, President; Ron Bean, Vice President; Sandi Gordon, Secretary; Karen McCray; Dr. Major Armstead; Dr. Darnell Leatherwood; Jeffrey Johnson
Superintendent
Dr. Blondean Y. Davis
• the employment of Mona Oliver, administrative assistant to the superintendent, effective December 9, 2021.
• the employment of Tyler Burnett, custodian at Huth Middle School, effective November 29, 2021.
• the employment of Chibuike Nwaru, lunchroom supervisor at Illinois School, effective December 13, 2021.
• the employment of Candace Cotton, tray washer at Arcadia School, effective December 10, 2021.
• the employment of Mia Calloway, cadre substitute at Indiana School, effective December 13, 2021.
• the employment of Franklin Simpkins, cadre substitute at Huth Middle School, effective January 5, 2022.
• the employment of Faith Brown, learning loss tutor and building support at Illinois School, effective January 5, 2022.
• the employment of Yvonne Johnson, learning loss tutor and building support at Indiana School, effective January 5, 2022.
• the employment of Kalon Grover, learning loss tutor and building support at Sauk School, effective January 5, 2022.
• the employment of Iman Robinson, learning loss tutor and building support at Matteson School, effective January 5, 2022.
• the employment of Alliyah Nichols, learning loss tutor and building support at Richton Square School, effective January 5, 2022.
• the employment of Dorian Mays, part-time Google/Chromebook technician, effective November 23, 2021.
• the employment of Iman Robinson, part-time Google/Chromebook technician, effective November 23, 2021.
• the leave of absence of Imani Fountain, paraprofessional at Richton Square School, effective December 20, 2021, through August 2022.
• the resignation of Summer Bartkowiak, custodian at Arcadia School, effective December 10, 2021.
• the Matteson District 162 policy #5314 regarding Anti-Bullying.
• the first reading of the Matteson District 162 revised policy #5443 regarding Wellness.
• the District’s application for the 2021 Property Tax Relief Grant.
• the agreement with PowerSchool.
• the Resolution to Instruct the County Clerk How to Apportion 2021 Tax Levy Extension Reductions.

The Board acknowledged:
• the resignation during the school term and without the concurrence of the Board, of Joanna Maas, teacher at Indiana School, effective January 14, 2022, with liquidated damages charged to the teacher in the amount of 4% of her 2021–2022 contracted salary or the
amount available to be withheld from her final 2021–2022 paycheck, whichever is less, in accordance with Section 13 of the teacher’s contract.

- the resignation during the school term and without the concurrence of the Board, of Nicholas Ratajczak, teacher at Huth Middle School, effective January 5, 2022, with liquidated damages charged to the teacher in the amount of 4% of his 2021–2022 contracted salary or the amount available to be withheld from his final 2021–2022 paycheck, whichever is less, in accordance with Section 13 of the teacher’s contract.

- the resignation during the school term and without the concurrence of the Board, of Kaylee Pellack, District-wide behavior analyst, effective December 31, 2021, with liquidated damages charged to this employee in the amount of 4% of her 2021–2022 contracted salary or the amount available to be withheld from her final 2021–2022 paycheck, whichever is less, in accordance with Section 13 of the employee’s contract.

**SAVE THE DATE**
Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., January 18, 2022