

– Examiner of Bartlett –

U-46 tax levy amount set for formal board approval

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By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to formally adopt the largest property tax levy allowed under the law at its upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 12.

The board was presented with the certificate of tax levy and accompanying resolution at its Nov. 21 meeting. The board already approved the determination of tax levy and accompanying resolution on Nov. 7 which is required to be approved before the official tax levy vote.

The total levy, including the corporate/special purpose levy and debt service levy, is set to rise by 5.6 percent from \$330.7 million to \$349.3 million. That is above the 5 percent the district is limited to without a voter referendum, but it is a defensive levy with the district expecting \$345.3 million. The defensive levy is used because **U46** believes the “District is entitled,” the determination states, to every dollar it legally can obtain from taxpayers. “Since the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of property and new construction numbers are unknown, it is a common practice to establish a defensive levy,” the proposal states. “This means levies are set higher than what is actually expected to be received. County [clerks] will reduce levies to the maximum legal amounts.”

The defensive levy effects the corporate/special use levy which is set to rise 6.3 percent from the 2021 extension, from 298.3 million to \$317.2 million. However, the district is expecting to receive \$313.2 million from that levy, a 5 percent increase.

The debt service levy is set to decrease 1.2 percent, from \$32.4 million to \$32.1 million.

The board will also vote on a resolution on Dec. 12 to add a hazardous transportation area designation to its current list. The area is used for the district to receive state reimbursements for transportation of students who normally are considered walkers, within 1.5 miles of the school, but there’s a dangerous crossing.

There are currently 48 areas designated hazardous with the proposed 49th being at **Elgin’s Channing Elementary School** for walking along South Channing Street and Villa Street. **Marcy Murphy, director of transportation**, said the designation is needed due to **Elgin’s Garfield Elementary School** that is closing at the end of this school year, for students who will be going to **Channing** next year.

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Board scheduled for vote on U-46 expense items

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By Seth Hancock

The Board of Education in **School District U-46** is set to vote on \$1 million in expenditure items at its upcoming Monday, Dec. 12 meeting after the items were presented at the Nov. 21 meeting.

The largest is for a three-year proposal costing \$250,000 annually, from the education fund, if approved, with Alliant Insurance Services for health insurance broker/consultant services. The current contract, with Grant Thornton, expires on Jan. 31, 2023.

“The district uses an insurance broker/consultant as the intermediary between the district and the various employee benefit providers,” the proposal states. “The broker/consultant negotiates the contracts with the providers on behalf of the district. The broker/consultant also advises the district Health Insurance Committee and district administration regarding the benefit plans.”

U-46 has used Grant Thornton for over 15 years, the proposal states, but it came in with the highest proposal at \$429,960 the first year, \$399,000 the second and \$418,920 the third.

U-46 paid Grant Thornton \$451,498 in Fiscal Year 2021 and \$441,993 in FY2022.

A contract with Roosevelt University for 15 staff members to seek bilingual endorsements has a price tag of \$213,300, to be paid for through federal grant funds.

“The purpose of this cohort (15 participants) is to continue to build the leadership qualities of our own Dual Language teachers by supporting their efforts in obtaining a [master’s degree] in teacher leadership through the Dual Language Teacher Leadership Program with the Bilingual/ESL endorsement (if needed by the teacher), in compliance with (Illinois State Board of Education) regulations, and for teacher retention in the program,” the proposal states.

A contract renewal with PowerSchool will cost \$83,420 (education fund) for Naviance, which has been in use in the district since 2017.

“Naviance by PowerSchool is providing **School District U-46** with a comprehensive college and career planning tool that allows us to provide efficient services to our students and families,” the proposal states. “This platform provides us with data tracking tools for state’s College and Career Readiness Indicators and our post-secondary success work.”

– Examiner of Streamwood –

Sabres beaten by Panthers then fall in UEC opener

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By Seth Hancock



Scrambling with Glenbard North **Streamwood's Dakota White** diving to the floor in an effort to secure the ball for the **Sabres** during a scramble near mid court against Glenbard North. For more game details see story on page 8.



As Glenbard North's JJ Hernandez worked to get off a shot, Streamwood's Dakota White rose with him in an effort to block the scoring attempt as the Sabres' Genaud Phillips was left floor bound at left. Streamwood had its hands full with Hernandez on the night, as he led all scorers with 32 points.

The Streamwood boys basketball team struggled to keep pace with Glenbard North as the Sabres fell 80- 31 in non conference play on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Glenbard North.

The host built up a 28-11 lead after one quarter, and the Sabres were chasing the rest of the night.

Streamwood trailed 39-17 by halftime and 67-27 after three quarters.

Sabres coach Quentin Ruff said the loss came down to inconsistency and being undisciplined. Although scoring just six points in the second quarter, Ruff said the second period was his team's best allowing just 11 points to Glenbard North. "The game plan was just to be patient. We knew they were going to be flying around, we knew they are athletic," Ruff said. "We were not as disciplined as we should be, which they will be in the near future, but we were supposed

to be patient. My number one thing is that we're supposed to be disciplined.

Our biggest problem was that we were not disciplined." Junior Genaud Phillips scored 12 points, including all 10 of the Sabres' third quarter points. Sophomore Terrell Young scored nine points and senior Saul Zamudio six, both hitting a pair of three-pointers.

Streamwood is now 0-6 overall. The Sabres were coming off a 66-38 loss to Marian Central Catholic in their final Johnsbury Thanksgiving tournament game on Friday, Nov. 25, and they dropped a 76-52 game against East Aurora in their Upstate Eight Conference opener on Thursday, Dec. 1 at Streamwood.

Despite some early season struggles, Ruff said his young squad is fighting every night.

"I'm going to stay on them every single day," Ruff said. "They know that every day that I show up to the gym, I am passionate and I'm passionate for 32 minutes out there whether we're losing by 50 or we're winning by 50. So, I expect them to fight every single day because I fight for them."

– Daily Herald –

Bartlett continues successful transition with win over Fenton

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By Allen Oshinski

Bartlett is adjusting to an entirely new style of basketball this year and so far the transition is going pretty well.

Behind 20 points from Nathan Searce and 14 from Kelton McEwen, the Hawks downed visiting Fenton, 76-55, in an Upstate Eight matchup Tuesday.

Nick Tinajero scored 18 points and Alejandro Diaz added 16 points and 9 rebounds for Fenton (3-3, 1-1).

Fenton trailed just 31-25 with 3 minutes left in the first half, but Bartlett closed the half on a 14-1 run. Searce (2), McEwen and Ethan Hedeon hit four 3-pointers during the run.

"Just pushing on offense, getting stops on defense, because we're fast," McEwen said of the big

run. “Just pushing out in transition and getting easy layups.”

Scearce scored 20 in 3 quarters before sitting out most of the fourth. He added 7 rebounds.

McEwen grabbed 8 boards as Bartlett outrebounded the visitors, 39-22. Hedeon finished with 8 points and Keegan Kunzer added 7 for Bartlett (5-2, 2-0).

“I was crashing the boards, getting a lot of second opportunities,” he said. “The 3-pointers were falling, made some tough shots.”

After years of playing through 7-foot-4 center Conrad Luczynski, this year’s Hawks roster lists no player taller than the 6-4 Scearce. But the Hawks can run and feature a deep roster of shooters, with 11 different Hawks scoring in Tuesday night’s affair.

“It took awhile to get these kids to change the style from where you’re going slow to let Conrad get in the block and then playing off him,” Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said. “And now we’re going at pace. In the first half we had 40-some-odd points. We were just pushing, pushing. I like to coach teams like this, interchangeable with their parts. When you’ve got scorers like Nathan and Kelton — (Fenton) coach (Chaz) Taft came out in a triangle-and-two trying to shut them down, but we do have other guys who can score.”

Diaz lifted Fenton early, scoring 12 points in the first half to keep things close. Then Tinajero took over in the second half, scoring 10 points in the third quarter alone.

Brandon Block added 10 points for the Bison.

Taft lamented that the Bison weren’t able to contain Scearce after getting to within 5 points in the second quarter.

“That’s when he got loose a little bit for some 3s, so we just had to do a better job of tightening up on the defensive end,” said Taft.

Fenton took its only lead at 5-2 and was still within 9-8 before the Hawks embarked on a 12-1 run fueled by the defense. McEwen converted a steal into a breakaway, Scearce came up with another steal and fed Joshua Taylor for an easy bucket, and then Taylor’s steal led to a 3-pointer by Shubh Mangrola for a 21-10 lead.

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Note: Schedules are subject to change because of weather and other factors.

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By Josh Krockey

MONDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

SATURDAY'S EVENT

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Benet 60, Carmel 34

Evanston 61, Mundelein 48

Glenbard West 52, Batavia 49

Hersey 70, Round Lake 30

Kaneland 56, Raby 28

Kaneland (5-1): Troyer Carlson 12 points. Johnny Spallasso 10 points.

Lakes 55, Maine West 45

Lakes (3-4): Brock Marino 19 points.

Lincoln-Way East 57, Oswego East 54

Newark 55, Lisle 49

Newark (5-1): Zach Carlson 16 points, 9 rebounds. Lance Paskarnis 12 points, 4 assists.

Palatine 52, Libertyville 42

St. Charles North 64, South Elgin 63

Sandwich 48, Richmond-Burton 41

Stevenson 62, Westinghouse 52

Waubonsie Valley 53, Oswego 39

Warren 55, Jacobs 53

Woodstock 67, Indian Creek 48

Indian Creek (2-5): Landon Schrader 22 points.

Yorkville 68, Plano 34

Yorkville (6-0): Mike Dunn 12 points. Jory Boley, LeBaron Lee 10 points.

Plano (1-5): A.J. Johnson 13 points.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Deerfield 50, Vernon Hills 29

DeKalb 61, Metea Valley 55

Dundee-Crown 58, Burlington Central 52

Gardner-South Wilmington 64, Illinois Lutheran 40

Geneva 43, Glenbard North 39

Hampshire 38, Cary-Grove 35

Highland Park 48, Maine West 35

HInckley-Big Rock 72, Leland 17

Hinckley-Big Rock (5-1, 1-0 Little Ten): Martin Ledbetter 13 points.

Huntley 49, Jacobs 35

Kaneland 85, Rochelle 54

Kaneland (4-1, 1-0 Interstate Eight): Troyer Carslon 31 points. Gevon Grant 29 points.

Lake Park 40, St. Charles East 32

Lake Zurich 57, Lakes 27

Lake Zurich (4-1): Anton Strelnikov 17 points. Brendan Powers 15 points.

LaSalle-Peru 54, Plano 29

Loyola 43, Marmion 28

Neuqua Valley 59, Naperville North 42

Neuqua (4-2, 1-0 DuPage Valley): Christian Srbinov 18 points. Luke Kinkade 17 points, 12 rebounds.

Newark 70, Hiawatha 31

Newark (4-1, 1-0 Little Ten): Blake Wallin 15 points. Jake Kruser 12 points. Zach Carlson 12 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists.

Oregon 57, Indian Creek 35

Indian Creek (2-4): Jeff Probst 14 points.

Oswego East 68, Minooka 35

Plainfield North 65, Oswego 59

Oswego (2-4, 1-1 Southwest Prairie West): Max Niesman 19 points. Dasean Patton 13 points.

Sandwich 40, Sycamore 24

Somonauk 76, DePue 28

Somonauk (1-4, 1-0 Little Ten): Carson Bahrey 21 points. Coleton Eade 14 points.

Waubonsie Valley 64, Naperville Central 47

Wauconda 55, Woodstock 43

Wauconda (2-3): Braeden Carlsen 27 points, 4 rebounds.

Wheaton North 44, Batavia 43

Wheaton Warrenville South 58, St. Charles North 28

Yorkville 64, West Aurora 60

Yorkville (5-0, 2-0 Southwest Prairie West): Jory Boley 18 points. LeBaron Lee 14 points. Jason Jakstys 12 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Burlington Central 44, Dundee-Crown 17

Burlington Central (4-2, 1-1 Fox Valley): Page Erickson 24 points. Emma Payton 11 points, 4 rebounds.

Deerfield 72, Vernon Hills 40

Deerfield (7-0, 2-0 Central Suburban North): Lexi Kerstein 18 points. Nikki Kerstein 17 points.

Vernon Hills (5-2, 1-1): Grace Koepke 14 points. Elyse Davis 12 points.

Fenton 63, Elgin 52

Elgin (4-3, 0-2 Upstate Eight): Izzie Castro 21 points. Alyssa Wysuph 16 points.

Geneva 55, Glenbard North 28

Genoa-Kingston 49, Richmond-Burton 14

Genoa-Kingston (5-4): Ally Poegel 21 points.

Glenbard East 58, Larkin 42

Grayslake Central 48, Grayslake North 33

Huntley 45, Jacobs 16

Lake Forest 52, Mundelein 41

Lakes 37, Antioch 30

Lakes (4-2, 1-0 Northern Lake County): Jana Pullen 15 points, 5 rebounds.

Libertyville 50, Stevenson 30

Libertyville (6-2, 2-0 North Suburban): Emily Fisher 17 points. Rachel Rule 10 points.

Stevenson (4-2, 1-1): Emory Klatt 14 points.

Minooka 44, Oswego East 41

Oswego East (1-5, 0-1 Southwest Prairie West): Cami Phillips 11 points. Desiree Merritt 10 points.

Warren 54, Zion-Benton 34

Warren (2-4, 1-1 North Suburban): Nari Powers 20 points. Mariah Phelps 11 points.

Wauconda 52, Round Lake 51

Wauconda (4-1, 1-0 Northern Lake County): Helen Macey 18 points, 8 rebounds. Kelsey Piehl 10 points, 6 rebounds.

West Chicago 41, Bartlett 40

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