



South St. Paul School Board - Committee-of-the-Whole
Monday, September 25, 2023 5:00 PM
Location: CITY HALL
125 THIRD AVENUE NORTH
South St Paul, Minnesota 55075

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SOUTH ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: Monday, September 25, 2023

Place on Agenda: Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting

Action Requested: Approval

Attachment: 2023 Payable 2024 Proposed Levy Summary

Topic: 2023 Payable 2024 Proposed Levy
Presenter(s): Brady Hoffman, Director of Finance
<p>Background:</p> <p>At the Committee of the Whole meeting, we will review information regarding our 2023 Payable 2024 Proposed Levy Certification. This proposed certification is for taxes payable in calendar year 2024, and is revenue for the 2024-2025 school year. We are recommending we approve the proposed levy at “maximum”. Proposed levies for school districts carry the option of levying the “Maximum” versus a specific amount due to continuing updates by the Department of Education. This “Maximum” option protects school districts whose levies may increase. Levying a specific dollar amount prevents further increases.</p> <p>We are required to certify our Proposed Levy to the County Auditor by September 30, 2023. The information submitted to the County Auditor is the information used for the proposed property taxes mailed to each taxpayer in November.</p> <p>Truth in Taxation statutes require a hearing be conducted during regular school board meetings. The statute also requires that the date and time of the regular school board meeting when hearings are scheduled be announced at the time the proposed levy is certified.</p> <p>The Truth in Taxation hearing will be held during the regular board meeting on December 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm.</p>
<p>Recommendation: Approval of 2023 Payable 2024 Proposed Levy</p>
<p>Alternatives: N/A</p>

**South St Paul Public Schools
Proposed Payable 2024 Levy**

Fund Levy Category	FINAL Payable 2023	PROPOSED Payable 2024	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<u>General Fund:</u>				
Referendum	\$ 6,056,012	\$ 6,004,307	\$ (51,705)	
Local Optional	1,999,573	1,993,189	(6,384)	
Equity	235,605	220,698	(14,907)	
Transition	90,985	87,948	(3,037)	
Capital Projects Referendum	834,135	940,514	106,379	
Operating Capital	267,385	313,212	45,827	
Alternative Teacher Compensation	282,917	272,115	(10,802)	
Achievement and Integration	175,431	176,069	638	
Reemployment Insurance	30,000	25,000	(5,000)	
Safe Schools	112,211	108,466	(3,745)	
Safe Schools Intermediate	46,755	45,194	(1,561)	
Career and Technical	62,188	63,521	1,333	
Long Term Facilities Maintenance	725,384	714,782	(10,602)	
Building/Land Lease	632,616	626,847	(5,769)	
Capital Facilities Bonds	(174,825)	(176,715)	(1,890)	
Adjustments/Abatements	115,499	(20,317)	(135,816)	
Total General Fund	\$ 11,491,871	\$ 11,394,830	\$ (97,041)	-0.8%
<u>Community Service Fund:</u>				
Basic Community Education	\$ 154,720	\$ 115,757	\$ (38,963)	
Early Childhood Family Education	65,076	61,821	(3,255)	
Home Visiting	2,389	2,931	542	
School Age Care - Disabled	200,000	200,000	-	
Adjustments/Abatements	394	(133,716)	(134,110)	
Total Community Service Fund	\$ 422,579	\$ 246,793	\$ (175,786)	-41.6%
<u>Debt Service Fund:</u>				
Initial Debt Service	\$ 3,366,558	\$ 3,203,340	\$ (163,218)	
Capital Facilities Bonds	174,825	176,715	1,890	
Reduction for Debt Excess	(290,733)	(168,952)	121,781	
Adjustments/Abatements	1,171	28,821	27,650	
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,251,821	\$ 3,239,924	\$ (11,897)	-0.4%
Total All Levies	\$ 15,166,271	\$ 14,881,547	\$ (284,724)	-1.9%



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Action Requested: None.
Attachment: None

Topic: Yondr Pouches
Presenter(s): Leah Bourg, Middle School Principal
<p>Background:</p> <p>In August of 2022, Middle School Principal Leah Bourg presented to the School Board a recommendation to require to Yondr pouches to help with a series of issues the middle school was experiencing with student cell phone use during the school day.</p> <p>At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, Yondr pouches were distributed to all middle school students. Each day when students come to school, they place their phone and wearable technology into the Yondr pouch, and magnetically clasp it shut in their first hour class. The pouch remains locked for the duration of the day. Students may carry the pouch with them or they may keep it in their locker. As they leave the building each day, or on their way to after-school activities, they will pass by a magnetic base to open their pouch.</p> <p>At our committee-of-the-whole meeting on Monday evening, Principal Bourg will provide the Board with an update on the Yondr pouches in the Middle School.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Alternatives:</p> <p>N/A</p>



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Action Requested: None. Discussion Only.

Attachment: None

Topic: Committee Updates
Presenter(s): School Board Members
Background: School Board members will provide an update for the following committees that they serve on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 917• Association for Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD)• Community Education• SSP Educational Foundation• Finance, Facilities and Long-Range Planning• Local Issues• SSP Open Foundation• District Policy• District Community Engagement and Public Relations• District Superintendent/Executive
Recommendation: N/A
Alternatives: N/A