12.08.2025 Truth in Taxation Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Summary

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Truth in Taxation Hearing: The Board of Education held a public hearing regarding the tax levy. Per Public Act 102-0895 the Cash/Fund Balance Disclosure was presented along with the 2025 Tax Levy by Superintendent Katzenberger.

Correspondence: The Board of Education received correspondence regarding the December 2025 Bronco of the Month Recognition program. Congratulations to the following students and staff for earning Bronco of the Month: Elementary: Aubriella S.--"Aubriella has been a great help to her classmates around her. If she sees a neighbor struggling, she offers to help them understand the content, or helps get them caught up to the correct place in the lesson. She is always friendly and nice to all classmates." Jr High: Shawn S.--"Shawn always does what is expected of him and perseveres at school, while overcoming obstacles. He goes above and beyond in his work and is a pleasure to have in class." High School: Kevin E.--"Kevin has great school spirit, is seen at most sporting events, basically being the whole student section. He is always polite and kind when seen in class, hallways, or the cafeteria." Staff: Erica Kraft–"Erica does many things at our school and does a great job at everything she does. She is very dedicated to Orangeville."

The Board of Education received a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation denying the district's request for a bus stop sign on highway 26. The December 2025 District Newsletter was shared with the Board of Education. All newsletters may be found on the district's website by clicking on the link - https://www.orangevillecusd.com/page/newsletters. The Board of Education also received correspondence from the Freeport YMCA regarding the possibility of a Before and After Care Program to begin for Orangeville School District in the fall of 2026.

Consent Agenda: The Board of Education approved the November 2025 Reports (Activity, YTD Revenue, YTD Expenditure, Fund Balance Summary, Financial Report, Imprest Report and 2025-2026 Donations), December 2025 Board Bills, November 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes for Open and Closed sessions.

Informational Notes: An update on Skyward Student Management (July 1, 2025 Go Live Date) and Skyward Financial Management (January 1, 2026 Go Live Date) was shared with the Board of Education. Reporting, data review and streamlining both systems will be very helpful for the District in the years to come. Thank you to Scott Trimble, Cindy Wells, Paula Crossno, Rachel Heck and Tonya Doyle for their time and talent in transitioning the district to Skyward. The November 24, 2025 ROE Pre-Compliance Visit Presentation was shared with the Board of Education along with the December 2, 2025 Transportation Committee Meeting Notes, December 2, 2025 Calendar Committee Meeting Exit Notes and the December 12, 2025 Preschool Screenings Flyer for the Public.

Business: In old business, the Board of Education recertified the Illinois Department of Transportation Hazards for the 2025-2026 school year. In new business, the Board of Education approved an overnight trip from January 17-19, 2026 to East Peoria, IL for the 2026

MLK Girls Basketball Tournament. The Board of Education also approved an overnight trip from March 27-28, 2026 to Woodside Sports Complex in Mauston, Wisconsin for a Softball Jamboree. The Board approved the 2026-2027 CollegeNOW Agreement between Orangeville CUSD #203 and Highland Community College, the first reading of the 2026-2027 public school calendar proposal, and the first reading of PRESS Policy, Issue 120.

The Board of Education approved a resolution to abate general obligation school bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2018, for the 2025 tax levy and the Board approved the 2025 Tax Levy as presented. The Board of Education approved the school architect fees for the development of the Orangeville Elementary School parking lot study. The Board of Education also approved the purchase of a shot clock system per IHSA requirements for the Jr/Sr High School Gymnasium.

No motion was received for the Board to purchase a walk-in freezer for the district's kitchen at this time. In addition, Board President Kraft made a motion to approve a reduced waiver for CollegeNOW out-of-district students; however, the motion failed to receive a second; therefore, out-of-district students choosing to attend CollegeNOW for dual credit will need to pay for both Orangeville out-of-district tuition and Highland Community College tuition in order to earn both a high school diploma from Orangeville and an associate's degree from HCC their junior and senior years of high school.

Personnel:

The Board of Education approved the resignation of paraprofessional Breanna Milks effective on November 16, 2025. The Board of Education also approved the resignation/retirement of certified teacher Catherine Greene. There were no new personnel hires at the meeting. In other Board action, the Board of Education approved a partnership with the Freeport Art Museum from January 2026 through May 2026 for the 5th grade art class.



The last day of school before Winter Break will be Friday, December 19, 2025. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026. Thank you for your partnership in education and I wish all of you a very merry and safe winter season!

Go Broncos!
Superintendent Katzenberger