
7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 PTAB Authorization to Intervene On Assessment Appeals

Property owners have the right to challenge the assessment of their property to the Cook County Board of Appeals. This authorizes Community Consolidated School District 59 to intervene on all 2022 assessment appeals, rather than each time a notice is received from the Cook County Board of Review on a newly-filed appeal. Notification of Property Tax Appeals Board (PTAB) cases are forwarded to our law firm as received. District 59 intervenes in all cases, sometimes in partnership with District 214, depending on the location of the property and the requested amount of assessed value reduction. The law firm may have cases reviewed by appraisers to determine the validity of the case. In most cases, the case is settled prior to further actions. However, in some cases a full appraisal is recommended, or a case can progress to an actual hearing with PTAB. Given the 30-day time constraint under which any District must intervene and PTAB's requirement that interventions must be filed by an attorney on behalf of the school district, this provides maximum flexibility in responding to newly-filed appeals.

7.02 2022-2023 School Pay Bus Fee

Each year the Board of Education approves the pay bus fee for the coming year. This is the amount a family will pay to have their child transported if it is determined that the student is non-eligible for free transportation. When the State Transportation Reimbursement Claim is computed, the State performs a weighted cost per pupil of non-eligible pupils. The Pay Bus Fee for 2022/23 is based on this weighted cost per pupil calculation and the estimated regular education transportation costs.

The rate is currently being determined for the 2022/23 school year. Currently 4 students have chosen to pay for these services, for the 2021/22 school year.
