

Voting records at village hall, Dist. 86

Election stories published to date have introduced readers to the candidates running to be Hinsdale village president and serve on the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board, explained the job of a board member and highlighted some of the issues each taxing body is likely to face over the next four years.

Today we share a few facts about the village and

District 86 and look back at some of the more significant votes that have taken place since the last election in 2015.

Readers will note a discrepancy in vote totals between the village and the school district. All seven school board members vote regularly on all agenda items. The village president votes only to break a tie or in a handful of other circumstances.



Village of Hinsdale

Population: 16,816 (2010)
2016-17 operating budget: \$16.8 million
Number of full-time staff: 93

2017

Feb. 21

- 4-2 vote to reject a new liquor license classification that would allow the sale of hard liquor by the glass at wine shops and similar businesses
- signaled unanimous support to build a full 189-space municipal parking tier, rather than a partial 118-space lot, as part of two-level parking deck planned as part of the new Hinsdale Middle School construction

2016

Feb. 2

- public meeting held on proposed empty-nester housing development at the corner of 55th Street and County Line Road. Most in attendance indicated support for such a project.

Feb. 29

- 6-0 vote appointing Kevin Simpson as the village's new police chief to replace Brad Bloom, who was promoted to the newly created position of



assistant village manager/director of public safety

April 19

- 6-0 vote approving a \$16.8 million operating budget for 2016-17 fiscal year.

Dec. 13

- 6-0 vote authorizing a sales tax revenue sharing agreement with Land Rover to incentivize the dealership to stay in the village by moving into the former GM training facility site at 336 E. Ogden Ave.

- 6-0 vote approving a village levy of \$6.3 million and a Hinsdale Public Library levy of \$2.85 million.

2015

March 16

- 6-0 vote approving a \$6.9 million contract with Kenny Construction Co. for a new Oak Street Bridge
- 6-0 vote authorizing a lease agreement with Casa Margarita to occupy the 3,224-square-foot restaurant space at the Brush Hill train station

April 21

- 6-0 vote approving a \$16.7 million operating budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year
- 6-0 vote passing a plat of subdivision from David Weekley Homes to construct four single-family homes at 950 and 954 S. Madison St., the former site of Belluomini's bar

June 18

- 6-0 vote approving the reconstruction of the brick-surfaced portion of First Street from Park to Elm streets

Sept. 3

- 6-0 vote giving the go-ahead on spending \$307,685 to do tuckpointing, brick work, gutter replacement and painting of the historic Brush Hill train station

Dec. 16

- 6-0 vote authorizing of a village tax levy of \$6.14 million and library levy of \$2.85 million.

Hinsdale High School District 86

Size: two high schools, Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South

Boundaries: Hinsdale, Willow-brook and parts of Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Oak Brook and Westmont

Enrollment: 2,873 at Central, 1,570 at South

2016-17 budget: \$103 million

Number of staff: 390 teachers, 217 support staff, 27 administrators (certified and noncertified)

2017

Feb. 21

- 4-1 vote against renewing the contract of the district's chief financial officer, Bill Eagan

Jan. 9

- 6-1 vote placing a \$76 million facilities referendum on the April 4 ballot

2016

Jan. 19

- 4-2 vote approving a \$130 million master facility plan

March 21

- 7-0 vote pursuing a 1:1 technology initiative for students

April 18

- 5-2 vote accepting the facilities committee recommendation to identify \$94 million worth of projects in the \$127 million facilities as critical



Aug. 15

- 4-3 vote against putting a \$79.9 million facilities referendum on the Nov. 8 ballot

Sept. 5

- 5-2 vote approving a new four-year teachers contract

Sept. 19

- 5-0 vote approving a \$103 million budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year

Dec. 19

- 5-2 vote approving a tentative 2016 property tax levy of \$77.9 million

2015

Jan. 15

- 4-2-1 vote placing an advisory referendum on

the April 7 ballot asking whether the board should petition legislators to pass laws to prohibit teacher strikes

- 4-1-2 vote placing a second advisory referendum on the ballot asking if performance evaluations of teachers should be required to include assessments from students and parents as well as teachers' classroom attendance records

Feb. 26

- 5-1 vote spending \$2.1 million to purchase, remodel and enlarge the building on district-owned property at 7302 Clarendon Hills Road in Darien to create a Transition Center

May 21

- 4-2-1 vote accepting uniform grievance committee's conclusion that board member Claudia Manley failed to demonstrate respect in her interaction with a Hinsdale South student over distributing campaign materials on school property

Oct. 1

- 5-2 vote approving a balanced budget of \$101.1 million

Oct. 19

- 5-0-2 vote affirming Super-intendent Bruce Law's decision that board member Ed Corcoran did not have jurisdiction to file a complaint against Darien resident Joan Brandeis related to public comments she made at a July board meeting

Dec. 7

- 5-1 vote approving a 2015 tax levy of \$78.8 million

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