

# **Levy Presentation**

Beecher 200U

December 11, 2023

# Question 1:

*What is a Truth in  
Taxation Hearing?*

A Truth in Taxation Hearing is held to let voters and taxpayers in the community comment on the proposed local property tax levy that the school is making for taxes payable in the following year.

## Question 2:

*When must a school  
hold a Truth in Taxation  
Hearing?*

Any time that a school's proposed aggregate levy is more than 5.0% larger than last year's aggregate extension, a Truth in Taxation Hearing must be held. Will County is a PTELL county.

# Question 3:

*Could you define some of those terms?*

# PTELL – Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

This prohibits the school from receiving more than CPI or 5% (whichever is less) aggregate. A referendum would be required for more.

levy – A levy is the projected amount of taxes for next year. This educated guess is based on preliminary EAV assessments from the county office.



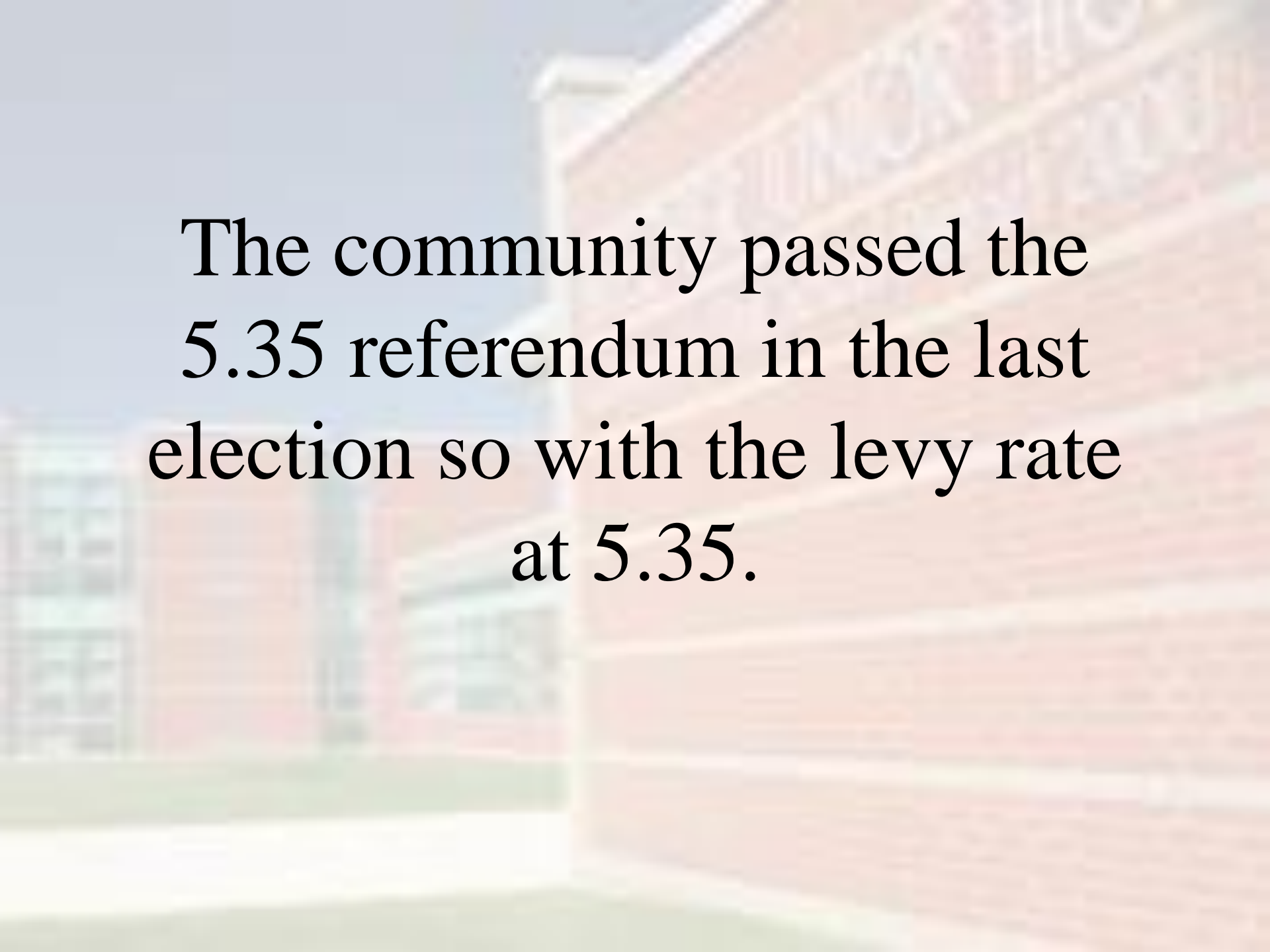
extension - An extension is the actual amount of tax revenue that the school receives in a year. In simple terms, the levy is what a school thinks it will get next year, but an extension is what a school actually received last year.

aggregate - In the world of local property taxes, the term aggregate refers to the total amount of taxes received without accounting for the repayment of long-term debt.

For example, District X has a total tax rate of \$5.00, but \$1.00 of this total is used to pay off old Construction bonds; District X would have an aggregate tax rate of \$4.00.

## Question 4:

*What is Beecher's proposed total levy?*



The community passed the  
5.35 referendum in the last  
election so with the levy rate  
at 5.35.

Last Year's Total Extension:  
\$ 9.47M

**This Year's Total Levy:**  
**\$ 11.58M**

Percent Increase:  
22%

## Question 5:

Is this percent the one used to determine a need for a Truth in Taxation Hearing?

Remember, the need for a Truth in Taxation Hearing is based on the aggregate levy and aggregate extension. Beecher's proposed aggregate levy and last year's aggregate extension are:



**Last Year's Aggregate Extension:**  
**\$ 9.47M**

**This Year's Aggregate Levy:**  
**\$ 11.58M**

**Percent Increase:**  
**+ 22% (PTELL)**

## Question 6:

Is this 22% figure the one used to determine a need for a Truth in Taxation Hearing?

So, yes, since this levy is more than 5%, and there is no long-term debt, there is a need for a formal Truth in Taxation hearing, despite the passing of the referendum.

## Question 7:

Superintendent Gaham, you just said a PTELL cannot get more than 5%, but you have 22%. How is that possible?

It is correct that PTELL districts are only eligible for 5%, unless through referendum. In March 2023, the community passed a referendum to increase limiting rate to 5.35.

## Question 8:

What is the “anticipated”  
total tax rate?

This Year's Total

Tax Rate: 4.78

**Next Year's Anticipated**

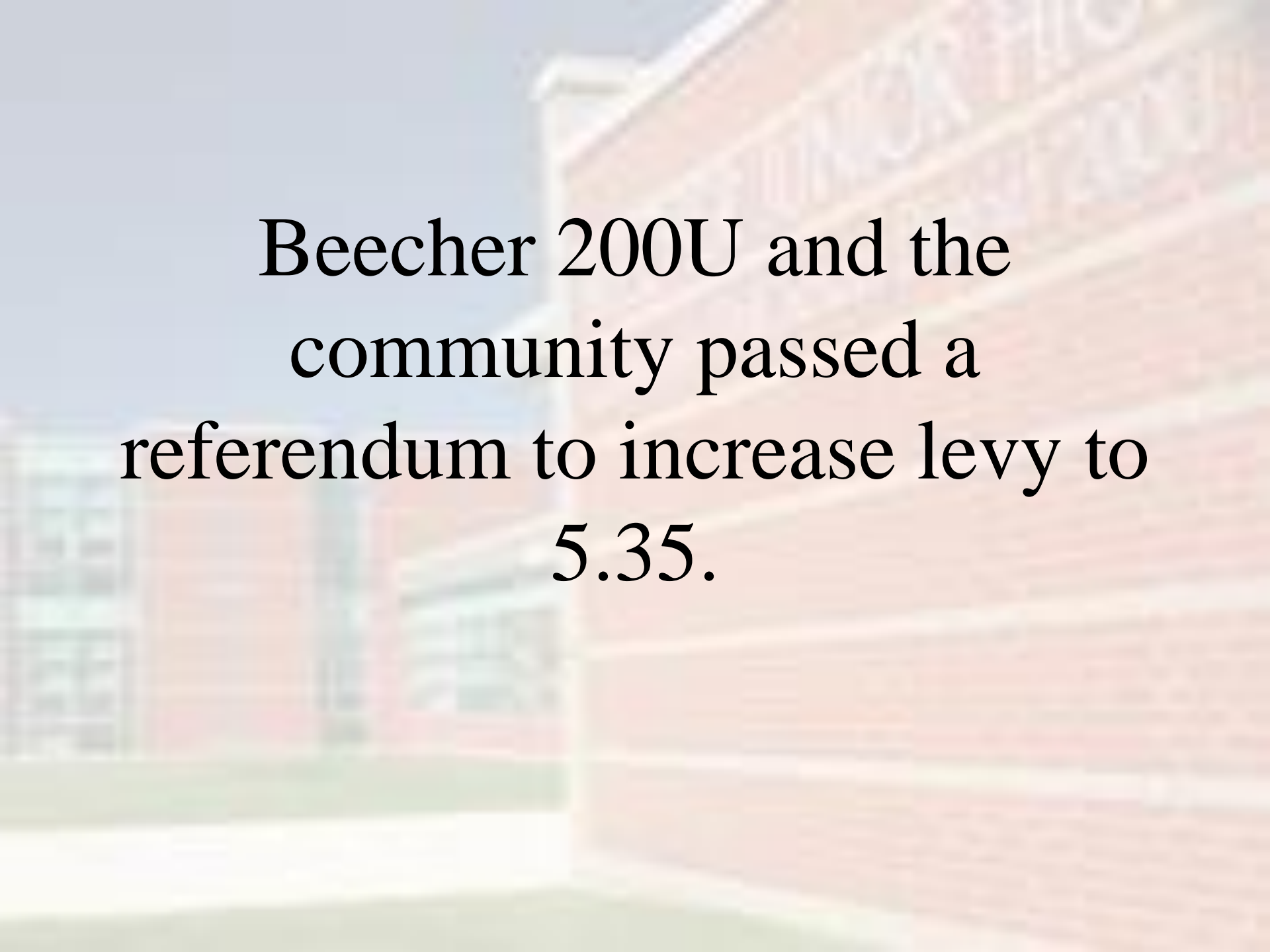
**Total Tax Rate: 5.35**

Percent Increase: 11.7%

## Question 9:

Why has there been such a drastic change to the total extension from 2022 levy to the 2023?





Beecher 200U and the  
community passed a  
referendum to increase levy to  
5.35.

## Question 9:

Why are you using the word *anticipated*?

The levy numbers are based on *projected* EAV data. The actual data is not available until March.

Therefore, all figures surrounding the December levy are speculative in nature, and it is important to convey this uncertainty by using the word *anticipated*.

# Question 10:

## What does levy history of 200U look like?

Levy Year	Limiting Rate	Percent Change	Revenue	Extension	Total	Percent Change
2016	5.73		8.36M	1.25	6.98	
2017	5.60	-2.3%	8.31M	1.26	6.86	-1.6%
2018	5.51	-1.6%	8.51M	1.30	6.81	-.8%
2019	5.18	-6.0%	8.51M	1.29	6.47	-5%
2020	5.07	-2.1%	8.74M	1.29	6.35	-1.8%
2021	4.85	-3.5%	8.91M	1.16	6.03	-4.5%
2022	4.78	-1.6%	9.47M	0.00	4.78	-20.9%
*2023	5.35	11.7%	11.58M	0.00	5.35	11.7%



Question 11:

*Where does this put our  
Adequacy Target?*

	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Tier</b>
FY 2023	\$15,034,155	\$9,632,445	64%	I
*FY 2024	\$15,476,367	\$11,580,728	75%	TBD

Question 12:

*Policy 4:10*

*Operational Fund Exp*

	<b>Education</b>	<b>O&amp;M</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Total</b>
3-Yr Avg	14,821,849	1,586,275	1,175,974	17,579,022
Times 2.5	37,054,623	3,965,687	2,927,247	<b>43,947,556</b>

Our reserves of these operational costs are \$7,757,902, well below the 2.5 threshold for a reduction plan





## Question 13:

*When does the school receive  
levy disbursements?*

May ~10%,  
June ~ 25%,  
July ~5%,  
Aug ~10%,  
Sept ~25%,  
Oct ~5%,  
Nov ~5%,  
Dec ~10%,  
Jan-April 0%

## Question 14:

*Do you have any additional information on the school finances?*

