

Board of Education Finance Committee

November 24, 2025
Time 1 – 2 PM
Board of Education Room
Minutes

Present: S. Reddy, B. Bass, L. Raymond, K. Slentz The committee convened the meeting at 1 PM.

1. Framing the work

Committee

a. Review and approval of the agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

a. Tax certiorari updates with counsel

L. Raymond introduces attorney Ira Levy of Shaw Perelson, who represents the district in tax certiorari matters. I. Levy explained the process that is used to determine if a particular tax grievance has merit, and if so, how a reduction in taxes is determined. Committee members questioned I. Levy on who from the village and town attends, and whether the district should play a greater role in the process. Following the discussion, the committee determined that the district should request a meeting with the town and the assessor to develop a better understanding of the process so that board members could be in a better position to explain the tax certiorari process to community members.

b. Long-Range Financial Plan status

L. Raymond reviewed a draft of the plan with the committee, noting that it captures the past, present, and future of the district's finances. L. Raymond noted that the plan will forecast out for the next three years, as any projections beyond that do not carry significant value. L. Raymond explained the next steps that she is taking in further development of the plan. K. Slentz asked committee members to review the document, pose questions, and offer suggestions for additional information that could be included.

c. Budget Impact Model status

K. Slentz noted that the model document would integrate information from the long-range plan and that the budget handbook would expand on the information in the model document. Administration is designing the documents to complement one another to give the board a clearer picture of district finances.

d. 2026-27 Budget Goals

K. Slentz presented four draft goals for the 2026-27 budget. The goals focus on the key areas of the district's mission and seek to maintain the current curricular, co-, and extracurricular programs for students. Committee members suggested changes to the order of the goals to better reflect the district's approach to our work. K. Slentz will present the goals at an upcoming board meeting.

e. Sale of District Property

K. Slentz reviewed the possibility of selling a parcel of district property that cannot be used to enhance our programs or facilities. The committee agreed that the district should take the necessary steps to sell the property. K. Slentz will review the topic with the facilities committee at the December 12 meeting.

3. Next Meeting Date

Committee

a. December 22, 2025

4. Adjourn

Committee

The committee adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.