

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

July 2020

**Meeting Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020

**Committee Members Present:** Steve Clegg, Chad Erickson, Kevin Ward, Superintendent Jim Cracraft

**Committee Members Not Present:** None

**Others in attendance:** None

Meeting started at 5:05 p.m.

**Purpose:** Review financial reports for the closing month of June 2020 that will be included in the July 2020 board packet, latest information on State and Federal school budgets, plans for 2020-21 instruction and financial impact on district, open positions, new hires, technology projects, facilities/grounds projects, and other.

Committee discussed the following topics:

1. No questions asked of Business Manager Carol Wahl and/or Superintendent Jim Cracraft related to the financial reports for the closing month of June 2020. Financial reports included in the July 2020 board packet.
2. State budget agreement announced, "Under the agreement, \$256 million will be cut from the foundation allowance and \$60 million cut from categoricals. The details on which categoricals are still being worked out. The foundation allowance cut will equal approximately \$171 per pupil. The state will then allocate \$512 million in CARES Act funding for school districts for COVID-19 expenses and expected costs around returning to school this fall. There is also a \$500 per-person hazard pay allocation for each teacher across the state totaling \$53 million, which would also be paid for with CARES Act funding."  
At a Federal level Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Attorney General Dana Nessel, J.D. and State Superintendent Michael Rice, Ph.D. announced the filing of a lawsuit against Secretary Betsy DeVos and the U.S. Department of Education for inconsistent guidance around the distribution of CARES Act funds to public and private schools. This has been done in partnership with the states of California, Maine, New Mexico and Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.
3. Open positions – HS English, Bus Drivers
4. New hires – None.
5. Technology projects:
  - a. BOE approved projects still going on: None

- b. No technology projects coming to July board meeting for approval.
  - c. No technology projects coming to August board meeting for approval.
6. Facilities/Grounds projects:
- a. BOE approved projects still going on: Engineering Lab project
  - b. District facilities planning is progressing. BOE will hold a workshop on Thursday, July 16 at 4:00 pm. to discuss what IDI and Wolgast presented on June 25, 2020.
  - c. No facilities/grounds projects coming to July board meeting for approval.
  - d. No facilities/grounds projects coming to August board meeting for approval.
7. Other:
- a. District to purchase several Wi-Fi hot spots for district administrators.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.