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# **Board of Trustees Budget and Finance Committee**

Lincoln Center And via Microsoft Teams Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12:00pm

# **MINUTES**

## **ATTENDEES**

### Trustees:

Janet Armstrong, Committee Chair Rachel Robison, Committee Member Linda Cleatus, Committee Member

# Others:

Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff Jane Shawn, HEA President Keri Mizell, Human Resources Director Rex Weltz, Superintendent Candice Delvaux, Executive Assistant Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology Lona Carter, Student Health Services & **Special Education Director** Karen Ogden, Communications Officer Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent Tim McMahon, Activities Director Kaitlyn Hess, Data & Federal Programs Director

Justine Alberts, Curriculum Director Todd Verrill, Facilities Director Hanna Warhank, Guest of the Public

#### ١. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Trustee Janet Armstrong. Following the call to order, members of the Budget and Finance Committee and other attendees introduced themselves.

#### II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no general public comment.

#### III. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No changes were made to the agenda.

#### IV. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The committee reviewed and accepted the 12.10.24 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

#### ٧. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

# A. Budget to Actual Reports

The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the Budget to Actual reports. During the discussion, Trustee Janet Armstrong highlighted several line items showing negative balances within both the elementary and high school general funds. Following this, the committee proceeded to examine the financial activity within the interlocal fund.

## **B.** Interlocal Fund Financial Activity

The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the interlocal fund financial activity report. The district began the year with approximately \$6 million in available funds and we currently have an ending fund balance of \$3,794,140. The committee moved on to review the five-year budget projections.

# C. 5-Year Budget Projections

The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the 5-year budget projections documents. The documents included the methodology behind recap which outlines the methodology to calculate ANB, the methodology to calculate budget authority limits, and the methodology to calculate expenditure budgets. Additionally, the documents highlighted key uncertainties that currently impact the projections. The committee further engaged in a discussion regarding the potential impact of forthcoming legislative changes on these projections.

## **D. STARS Discussion**

The Budget and Finance Committee concluded the meeting with a robust discussion about STARS funding.

#### VI. **BOARD COMMENTS**

There were no board comments.

#### VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Janet Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.