

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education - Finance Committee
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
5:30 PM
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MEETING MINUTES

Finance Committee Chair Galen Cawley called the meeting of January 18, 2022 to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Members: Galen Cawley, Emily Rosenthal, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin
Administration: Dr. Craig Cooke, Stacy Nobitz

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. General Discussion

The meeting started with a review of the budget process and upcoming dates on the calendar. Committee members discussed the desirability of starting next year's budget cycle (2023-24) two weeks earlier, i.e., late September or early October. Members also discussed the pros and cons of attaching numbers to the budget assumptions document.

2. Review of Budget Calendar

See above.

3. Update on Current Fiscal Year

Dr. Cooke briefed the committee the current fiscal year. The district is ahead of budget projections, especially on a year over year comparison. Key factors are reduced losses in food services (higher demand due to full attendance compared to the 2021-22 Covid year) and reduced salary expenditures (staffing shortages and fewer paras).

4. A procedural motion was made to add an Agenda Item #4 to discuss and potentially take action on amendments to the Board Budget Objectives in the document entitled "Madison Public Schools Annual Operating Budget Guidelines and 2022-2023 Operating Budget Objectives," and to move current Item #4 Public Comment to position #5.

Motion: Emily Rosenthal
Second: Diane Infantine-Vyce
Motion carried 3-0

A substantive motion was made to recommend to the full board to amend the Board's budget assumptions document:

“Motion to Amend the Board’s draft document entitled “Madison Public Schools Annual Operating Budget Guidelines and 2022-2023 Operating Budget Objectives” as proposed, to re-cast the Advanced Placement Student Support Program as a two-year pilot program funded in this budget to a total of \$15,000, and to reduce the proposed increase in the Facilities Maintenance and Repair line from the requested \$50,000 to \$30,000, a reduction of \$20,000 or 40%, and to adopt this amended document as amended.”

Motion: Diane Infantine-Vyce
Second: Emily Rosenthal
Motion carried 3-0

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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